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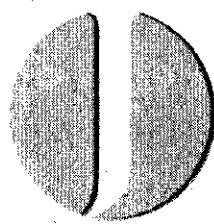
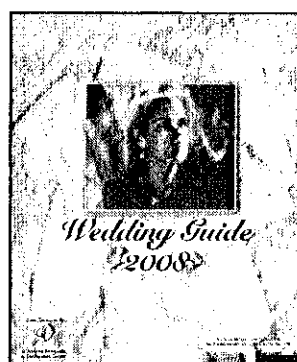
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GET OUT AND GO

Seven things to do in and around Lake County:

Misbehavin' Saturday

"Ain't Misbehavin'" will be performed at the College of Lake County in Grayslake. Info: 847-543-2077

A note of education Through Sunday

"High School Musical: The Ice Tour" will be at Allstate Arena. Info: www.highschool-musicaltheicetour.com

Get green Monday

The Grayslake Greenery Club will host its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in Grayslake. Info: 847-548-9297

Dance into Russia Tuesday

Symphony Center presents the Moiseyev Dance Company from Russia at 8 p.m. in Chicago. Info: 312-294-3000

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WINTERFEST LIVES UP TO ITS NAME



Joe Shuman - wnnews@nwnewsgroup.com

Four-year-old Berla Pimentel, of Waukegan, feeds goats in the petting zoo area at Winterfest in Waukegan. Winterfest took place Jan. 19 in Belvidere Park. To read more about the event, see PAGE 3A.

"Ultimately, this new medical office building will provide physicians with office facilities close to our hospital planned for Lindenhurst."

Barbara J. Martin

Chief Executive Officer and
President of Vista Health System

Vista to get new digs

Plans for new office building approved

By YADIRA SANCHEZ OLSON

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LINDENHURST - Vista Health System is now one step closer to having a new medical office building.

On Jan. 15, the \$15 million medical office building was unanimously approved by the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board. In October 2007, a certificate of need (CON) application for the building was submitted by Vista.

The building will be 60,000 square feet and will be built in front of the Vista Surgery Center in Lindenhurst, near Grand Avenue and Deep Lake Road.

"The Planning Board's decision shows that its members understand that there is a great need for improved access to health care services in northwestern Lake County," said Barbara J. Martin, President and CEO of Vista Health System, in a release.

Vista spokesman Adam V. Beeson said plans to break ground are scheduled sometime this year, and completion should take about 18 months after that.

Beeson said he was not yet certain how many physicians would have offices in the new building.

Vista also has submitted a (CON) application for a 140-bed medical center in Lindenhurst. If it is approved, it will be the first hospital in the county in almost 30 years.

"Ultimately, this new medical office building will provide physicians with office facilities close to our hospital planned for Lindenhurst," Martin said.

The Planning Board is expected to make a decision on the medical center in April, when new rules for bed need will be in place.

Beeson said the hospital would take about two years to complete if approved.

SPORTS



>> PrepSports

Battle of the Bulldogs

Grant, Wauconda boys basketball teams go down to the wire in overtime battle. **PAGE 7B**

IHSA approves steroid testing

The IHSA decides to test high school athletes for steroids, other performance-enhancing drugs. **PAGE 7B**

>> Can't Miss

Girls gymnastics

North Suburban Conference Meet at Libertyville, 9 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 26

Wrestling

North Suburban Conference Meet at Antioch, 9 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 26

>> Sidelines

Lake County Journals Sports Editor Daniel J. Patrick says prep swimmers are out of their minds. But there are plenty of talented wackos on the Warren boys swim team. **PAGE 7B**

LAKELIFE

>> OnTheCover

Lake County residents are full of talent, and that talent is on display at the College of Lake County in Grayslake at the annual "Members Exhibition." The exhibition features Lake County artists' work for sale through Feb. 24. **PAGE 1B**

>> ElementsOfTheRidiculous



Columnist Jana Thompson says the sewing gene has missed her and shares her fear of using a needle and thread. **PAGE 6B**

WEB POLL

This week's question

Who has the best chance to win the Democratic primary?
A) Hillary Clinton
B) Barack Obama
C) John Edwards

Vote at LakeCountyJournals.com

Last week's question

The Illinois High School Association plans to implement random testing of athletes for performance-enhancing substances. Your thoughts?

- It's a good idea (83 percent)
- Need more info (17 percent)
- It's a bad idea (0 percent)

IN MOTION

A pastel artist and an author visit Grayslake, local Boy Scouts race mini-cars at a derby and Wauconda students show off their own inventions. Check out these events and more in our Week in Photos section by clicking on the multimedia link at www.LakeCountyJournals.com.



WEEKEND OUTLOOK

FRIDAY, JAN. 25

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>>QuoteOfTheWeek

"It looked absolutely beautiful."

—Travis Bakken, attendee at Waukegan's Winterfest, on the penguin ice sculpture by Dan Rebholz. (see story on 3A)

>>Editor'sChoice

Don't forget the Lake County Journals' Web site

Everyone who gets the Lake County Journal delivered to their home each week is familiar enough with our print product.

As I've written many times in this space, we strive to get the most and the best of local news and people into each edition every week.

Sometimes, however, there isn't enough room to fit everything we would like onto the pages of the Journals.

On our Web site, www.LakeCountyJournals.com, that isn't a problem.

We can post an unlimited amount



**Matt
Pera**

of information online without having to worry about inch counts or ad space.

This allows us to post lists of names, such as honor rolls, online, as well breaking news that might be old by the time our weekly print edition

hits the streets.

The Web also allows you, as readers, to interact directly with me, our reporters and our photographers.

You can read a story and click the comments link and post your thoughts directly on that Web page.

This, in effect, makes you a contributor to the article.

Your post might begin a dialogue with other readers that adds depth to the issue.

You also can contact the reporter directly by clicking on his or her e-mail address below the headline.

Our multimedia section allows

you to watch video and see slideshows of photos from around the county.

Another way to interact with the Lake County Journals online is by voting each week on our Web poll, which can be found on the right side of the Web site's home page.

Have ideas on how we can make our Web site better? E-mail me at mpera@nwnewsgroup.com.

Thanks for reading the Journals, in print and online.

• Matt Pera is the news editor for the Lake County Journals.

>>Ready to race



Thirteen-year-olds Damien Galla, of Fox Lake, and Frank Taormina, of Johnsburg, discuss the cars about to race in the Cub Scout Pack 83 Pinewood Derby at the Lakefront Park Building in Fox Lake. Both boys are den chiefs for Pack 83.

>>InBrief

Early start program

Antioch School District 34 provides developmental and social screening for children aged newborn to 3 years old. The screening is free for age-eligible children in the school district. Screenings can take place at either Hillcrest School or in the family's home with a parent educator present. Appointments are available on Monday or Friday mornings during the school year. Call 847-838-8032 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

>>CorrectionsAnd Clarifications

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Wendy Andrews of Grayslake

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* If you have a "Neighbor" whom we
should profile in this column, call the
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Ice sculptor Robert Childers, of Lombard, works on an ice arrangement during Winterfest in Waukegan. The event took place Jan. 19.

Winterfest survives frigid weather

By JOSEPH MULLER
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WAUKEGAN - A frigid 4-degree day drove many of Waukegan's Winterfest participants to regularly find shelter during the Jan. 19 event.

Waukegan Registration Clerk Marilyn Kern said this year's participation was a little low because of the cold weather.

"Weather plays a big factor in our numbers," Kern added.

Outside in the cold, people could warm up by eating smores at a bonfire, or by cuddling with some of Winterfest's many animals. At the petting zoo, kids interacted with goats, zebras, llamas, and a variety of other animals. Malamute Treasures, an Alaskan sled dog club, were supposed to take children on sled rides, but a lack of snow hindered that. However, people were still able to pet the huskies.

Jackie Schroeder, owner of the huskies, said her dogs like this weather.

"They have coats," Schroeder added.

Waukegan Recreation Supervisor Michael Wirsing said most of the 2008 Winterfest events were the same, calling them "tried and true." Many Waukegan citizens would agree.

Waukegan resident Irma Ramon said she has been going to Winterfest since it started 10 years ago, bringing her younger sons and nephews. Ten years later, her older son still comes to the event.

"We came here a lot as a kid," Juan Ramon, Irma's son said.

While moving inside Waukegan's Recreation Center to warm up, people watched Rick Colen perform magic tricks, juggle objects, and swallow fire during his variety show. In the past, Colen said he performed at the Chicago Navy Pier and toured with The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. This was his first time performing for Waukegan's Winterfest.

"I loved the show," Irma Ramon said.

People also rated free samples of pizza from Winterfest's second pizza cook off. Six local restaurants did their best to win the favor of the

crowd and the pizza competition judges. This was the Anastasia's Restaurant and Sports Lounge's first time participating in the competition. Anastasia's representative Terra Morgan said she enjoyed the competition.

"All of the competitors were good natured," Morgan said. "It's good to see what other people are offering."

The pizza cook-off awards are split into two groups - one from Waukegan residents, and the other from three judges. Pizza Hut won this year's people's choice award, while Jacks Pizza and Burgers took the judge's award.

Little children had plenty of games and events to choose from such as Lego Golf, cookie decorating, and friendship bracelet and craft making. Volunteer Rachael Domaoal helped children make snowflake frames.

Not every event at Winterfest suffered from the cold. Dan Rebholz, owner of World Class Ice Sculpture Inc., chiseled a penguin from a block of ice while discussing it with spectators.

"It looked absolutely beautiful," said onlooker Travis Bakken.

>> OurTown



Steve
Peterson

'Dearly Departed' comes to Antioch

PM&L Theatre in Antioch will present "Dearly Departed" by David Bottrell and Jessie Jones as its 47th season's third show.

The play opens Feb. 8 and will be performed three weekends through Feb. 24. To reserve tickets, call PM&L at 847-395-3055.

The Grant Township Republican Club will host its annual Lincoln Day Dinner on Feb. 2.

The dinner will be at Maravella's Banquet Hall on Washington Street in Fox Lake.

Tickets are \$40 and must be bought in advance. For tickets or information, call Nancy Kubalanza at 847-587-5954 or Rich Stueber at 847-546-1879.

Chili for everyone! Fox Lake-Round Lake Area Rotary Club will host a chili cook-off competition at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at Fox Lake American Legion Hall, 703 N. Route 12. Tickets cost \$10.

Vote for your favorite chili from the contestants: Jimmy V's, The Pizza Place, Sammies, Dockers, The American Legion and more.

Tickets are available from any Rotary Club member.

For advance tickets, call Ted Beskow at 847-587-3311. Proceeds will benefit the Rotary Club's George Watson Children's Christmas Party.

Women in Business Network Group meets from 8:30 to 10 a.m. the third Monday each month at the Lake Forest Acute Care Center on Route 120 in Grayslake.

For information, call 847-604-1234 or go to www.wingbuildsbusiness.com.

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>> GagesLake

The magic of learning

Magician performs at Woodland Primary School

By DANI SCHWEIGERT

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GAGES LAKE — When Danny Orleans was a boy, he spent a lot of time pursuing his hobby — magic. That childhood interest is now a career for Orleans, as he travels around the country entertaining children and adults through magic.

"It's everybody's dream to pursue what they love to do deep down in their soul and make a living at it," Orleans said. "I don't have to deal with the politics of a job."

Orleans, of Chicago, used to be a teacher, so his magic shows are educational. And he shared his teaching skills and magic tricks with Woodland Primary School in Gages Lake Jan. 17.

Sarah Hoover, a teaching assistant at Woodland, said it was great to have Orleans at the school.

"It's fun for the students," she said. "It's exciting, and it's a way to show them that there's life outside of these walls and mommy and daddy."

Hoover said using magic is a good way to educate children.

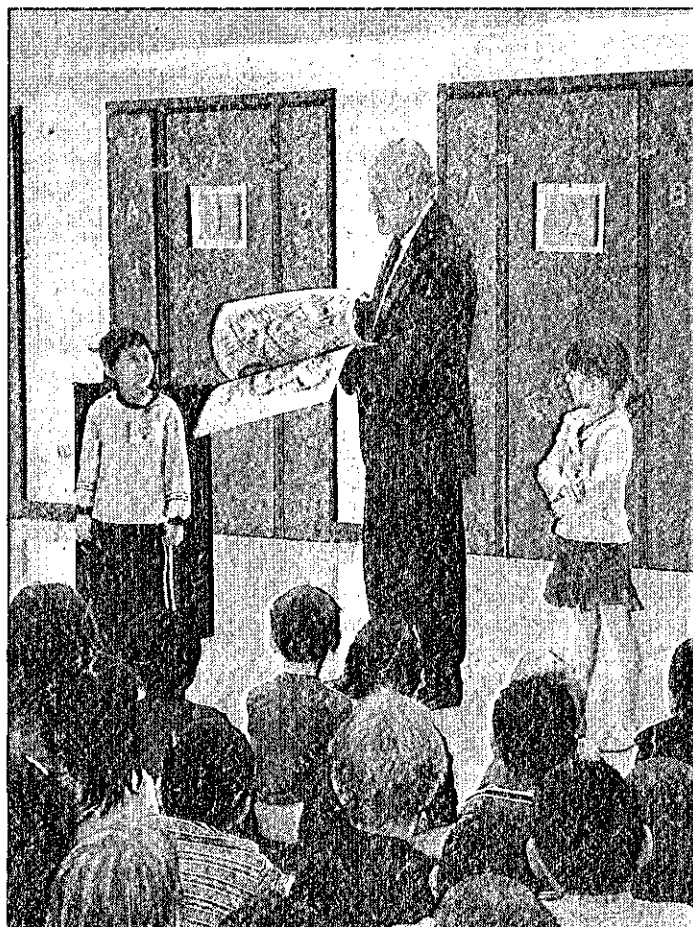
"Magic engages them," she said. "They listen better, and they learn how to behave in a group."

Orleans agreed that magic is a perfect teaching tool.

"Magic is a great teaching medium because you have people's attention, and when you have people's attention, they're open to learning," he said. "It's extremely satisfying."

Orleans taught at North Shore Country Day School in Winnetka for three years and then taught math and science through a CETA grant for nursery schools in Evanston for a year and a half. But in the 1970s, Orleans said, it was difficult to find a teaching job.

"So I said, 'You know what? I'll try magic.' And I loved per-



Dani Schweigert - dschweigert@nwnewsgroup.com

Ivan Salinas, 6, and Allison Novak, 5, both kindergartners at Woodland Primary School in Gages Lake, help magician Danny Orleans during Orleans' educational magic show.

Making magic

For more information about Danny Orleans' magic shows, go to www.dannyorleans.com, or call 773-472-1357.

forming," he said.

Orleans' passion for being in front of a crowd seemed apparent Jan. 17, as the children cheered in excitement.

During one trick, Orleans held up a blank coloring book and asked for two volunteers to help him color it. Allison Novak, 5, and Ivan Salinas, 6, helped Orleans perform magic to fill the book.

"It was fun," Novak said of

assisting Orleans. "He was silly."

Novak said her favorite part of the show was when Orleans gave Salinas a magic crayon to hold, and the crayon kept breaking. Orleans then had the children hold up five fingers to represent the five senses.

"Now I'm going to trick your sixth sense — your common sense," he said as he made a silver ball float in the air.

For his final trick, Orleans placed colored scarves in his magic hat. But when he later reached in his hat for the scarves, he pulled out a white bird instead.

"Bringing a smile to a child's face is great," Hoover said.

>> LocalDigest

Get your ice fishing poles ready

Triangle Bait Shop is sponsoring a Free Kids Ice Fishing Tournament/Ice Safety Clinic. The ice safety clinic will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 at Pedersen Park with the ice fishing tournament taking place immediately after the clinic. The ice fishing tournament will end at 1 p.m. Children of all ages can participate, and children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration can be done at the Antioch Parks Office at 806 Holbek Drive. Cost for this event is free. Also, a free fishing pole will be awarded to the first 50 children who arrive at the event.

PM&L Theatre

Season 47's "Dearly Departed," by David Bottrell and Jessie Jones, opens at 8 p.m. Feb. 8 at PM&L Theatre on Main Street in Antioch. Shows

will continue on weekends through Feb. 24. Friday and Saturday evening shows will be at 8 p.m., and Sunday afternoon performances will be at 2:30 p.m. To reserve tickets, call the PM&L Box Office at 847-395-6055. Tickets can be bought at the Box Office beginning Jan. 28.

Adopt-a-package

The Ladies Auxiliary to Post 4551 is collecting needed items and monetary contributions to send care packages to troops overseas. Requested items include tea, Kool-Aid, foot powder, and beef jerky. For a complete list of items or more information call Barb at 847-395-5393 or e-mail Jeanne at shaunkelly@sbcglobal.net. To make a monetary donation send it to the Antioch Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4551, at 75 North Ave. in Antioch. Donations can be dropped off

at the post from 9 a.m. to noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, or 4:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Play host to a student

Center for Cultural Interchange, an Illinois-based exchange program, is looking for individuals and families to host a foreign exchange student. The student would live with the individual or family for either a semester or for the school year. To find out more about hosting a child, contact Marge at 888-488-4056.

Las Vegas Night

St. Peter School will host its fifth annual Las Vegas Night in Father Hanley Hall, 900 St. Peter St. in Antioch. The evening will include roulette, poker, blackjack, craps and Texas hold 'em. Doors open at 6 p.m. For more information, call 847-395-0037.

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• **Domestic Violence Victim support groups.** Several held throughout Lake County. Call A Safe Place at 847-249-4450; TTY at 847-249-6557; or visit www.asafe-placeforhelp.org.

ANTIOCH

• **Las Vegas Night.** 6 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 26. St. Peter School, 900 St. Peter St. Live music, food, cocktails and full casino action: blackjack, roulette, craps, and poker, including Texas hold'em. Proceeds benefit St. Peter School. For more information, call 847-395-0037.

• **German American Club of Antioch "Faschings (Masquerade) Dance."** 6 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 2. VFW Hall, 130 E. Grand Ave. Admission is \$8. The more guests in costume, the better, but it's not required. For ticket information, call Dorothy Jodahl at 847-356-5484.

• **Antioch Public Library District Board meeting.** 7 p.m., last Tuesdays. 757 N. Main St. Call 847-395-0874 to confirm.

• **Bingo.** 12:45 p.m., Mondays. The Senior Center. Call 847-395-0139 for details.

• **Bingo.** 6:45 p.m., Tuesdays. Antioch VFW. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Call 847-395-5393 for more information.

• **Pinochle.** 12:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays. The Senior Center. Call 847-395-0139 for details.

• **Take Off Pounds Sensibly**

meeting. 6 p.m., Wednesdays, weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting. The Senior Center, 817 Holbek Drive. Call Dorothy at 847-395-7407 or Betty at 847-838-3907 for more information.

• **AFFTER (Advocates for Fibromyalgia Funding, Treatment Education and Research) support group meeting.** 10 a.m.-noon, first Saturdays. Antioch's Community Building, 884 Main St. Call 847-362-7807 or go to www.AFFTER.org for more information.

• **Kiwanis Club of Antioch meeting.** Noon, Tuesdays. Petrucci's Italian Market & Cafe, 311 Depot St. The public is welcome to join and share experience, knowledge and service project ideas. Contact Melissa at 847-489-8044, e-mail at mjrigoni@hotmail.com, or Larry Mondie at 847-650-9530, e-mail at brscoops@aol.com for more information.

• **Antioch Jaycees meeting.** 7:30 p.m., last Mondays. Regency Inn. For more information, call 847-395-8035.

• **The Meeting House Museum.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m., first Saturdays. See original photos of Antioch and a veterans' exhibit of photos and memorabilia from the Civil War through the Gulf War.

• **Northern Illinois Conservation Club general meeting.** 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 28. Clubhouse, one-half mile south of Route 173 on east side of Route 83. For more information, call 847-395-NICC or visit www.lake-online.com/nicc.

• **Lakes Area Community Band rehearsal.** 7-9 p.m., Mondays. Antioch Community High School band room. Area musicians

high school age and older are welcome to join. No auditions. Call Debbie Davis at 847-395-0272 to learn more.

• **Open gym.** 7-9 p.m., Sundays. Antioch Community High School. \$2. Adults only.

CRYSTAL LAKE

• **Crystal Lake Toastmasters Club meeting.** 8-10 a.m., first and third Saturdays at Ancore Bank Building, Route. 14 and Pingree Road. Develop your presentation and leadership skills. For information, call Steve at 847-526-1525 or visit <http://user.mc.net/~toast1>.

FOX LAKE

• **Grant Township Republican Club Lincoln Day Dinner.** Cocktails at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 2. Maravella's Banquet Hall, 40150 N. Rt. 59. For more information or reservations, call 847-587-5954.

GRAYSLAKE

• **Homecoming.** Thursday, Jan. 24, and Friday, Jan. 25. Events include basketball games, Jesse White Tumblers and homecoming dance/after party Jan. 24. An alumni mixer 6:30-9:30 p.m., Jan. 25, at In-Laws in Gurnee. For more information, visit www.cllcillinois.edu/activities/even ts.asp

• **"Let It Be Known" Concert Tour.** 7-10 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 26. College of Lake County, C 005 Auditorium, 19351 W. Washington St. Performers hail from Lake County and the Chicago area. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door, with children under 5 free. Tickets are available at the Box Office at 847-543-2300, or the door.

• **LifeSource Blood Drive.** 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 30. College of Lake County, Anderson Court, Building A, 19351 W. Washington St. Walk-ins welcome. For more information, call 847-543-2064.

• **Chicago Early Music Consort concert, "Music for a While".** 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 3. Byron Colby Barn, 1561 Jones Point Road. Admission is \$15, with children under 16 free. To order tickets or for more information, call 847-543-1202.

GURNEE

• **Lake County Camera Club meeting.** 6:30 p.m., peer-to-peer discussion and socializing; 7:30 p.m., meeting, first Fridays. Warren Township Center, east crafts room, in park on southwest corner of Almond and Washington. All skill levels, digital and film, welcome. Call Mike Ament at 847-356-6937 (noon-6 p.m.) to learn more.

INGLESIDE

• **Grant Hall Museum.** 1-4 p.m., Sundays. Fox Lake-Grant Township Area Historical Society, 411 Washington St. Admission free, donations accepted. For information, call 847-587-0544 or mail P.O. Box 224, Ingleside, IL 60041.

• **C.O.O.L. Food Pantry.** Mondays, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; fourth Saturdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, 25519 W. Route 134. Open to any Lake County resident with ID. For more information, call 847-270-0411 during pantry hours.

LAKE VILLA

• **Friends of LVLD Storage Overstock Sale.** Friday, Jan. 25, 9

a.m.-5 p.m.; and Saturday, Jan. 26, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Lake Villa District Library, Meeting Room A, 1001 E. Grand Ave. Sale includes books and audio-visual items. For more information, call 847-356-7711.

• **Parenting Bible Study course.** 4:30-5:30 p.m., Sundays starting Jan. 27. Linden Villa Baptist Church, 38869 N. Deep Lake Road. "Your Child: The Essentials of Discipline" will be held over 12 weeks. To register, call 847-245-7471.

• **2nd Annual Mardi Gras Silent Auction.** Opens 1 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 27; closes 4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 2. Lake Villa District Library, 1001 E. Grand Ave. Help raise funds for a display monitor for the library. For more information, call 847-356-7711.

• **Midway Ramblers Cajun Band concert.** 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 2. Lake Villa District Library, 1001 E. Grand Ave. All are welcome. For more information, call 847-356-7711.

• **Welgh to Win meeting.** 7-8 p.m., Tuesdays. Calvary Christian Center, Monaville Road. Call 847-356-6181 to learn more.

• **Lake Villa Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting.** 4:30 p.m., Wednesdays. Church of the Holy Family, 25291 W. Lehman. Call Debbie at 847-687-5531 for details.

LINCOLNSHIRE

• **ORT America Party Planning Showcase.** 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 27. Marriot Lincolnshire Resort, at Milwaukee and Half Day roads. Admission and parking are free. Caterers, DJs, photographers, and other party consultants will display their offerings. For more information, call

847-291-0475.

LINDENHURST

• **Beginners West Coast Swing dance classes.** 7 p.m., starting Jan. 24, 0Thursday nights for six weeks. Health and Fitness Center of Lindenhurst, 3098 Falling Waters Blvd. Class is \$60 per person. For more information or to register, call 847-535-7500.

• **Lindenhurst Village Board meeting.** 7 p.m., second and fourth Mondays. Village Hall Boardroom. Call 847-356-8252 for more information.

• **Free blood pressure screening.** 8 a.m.-noon, Mondays. The Village at Victory Lakes Continuing Care Center. Call 847-356-5900 to learn more.

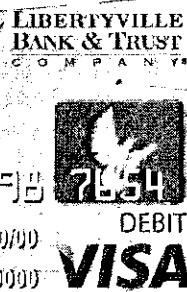
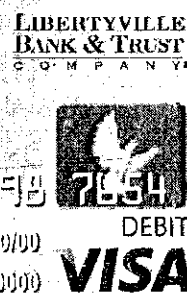
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• **Lake County Board of Health meeting.** 6 p.m., Wednesdays. Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center, Conference Room 112, 3010 Grand Ave. For more information, call 847-377-8000 or visit www.co.lake.il.us/health/boh.

• **Lake County TB Board meeting.** Wednesdays, immediately following the Board of Health meeting. Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center, Conference Room 111, 3010 Grand Ave. For more information, call 847-377-8000 or visit www.co.lake.il.us/health/boh.

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>> LakeVilla

Local Dems vow to bring change

By STEVE PETERSON
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LAKE VILLA - The three candidates for the Democratic nomination for Lake County Board District 1 made their cases before a crowd of party members and independents.

Gene Kryczka, Steve Skinner and Peter Grant seek the party's nod on Feb. 5 to face off against Republican Linda Pedersen in November. Republican board member Judy Martini is retiring.

"I will work to get funding for Routes 83 and 173, so it will not take six years to study them," Grant said Jan. 19 at Lake Villa Public Library. "I am not a professional politician, I am one of your neighbors."

Grant said he became encouraged to run when long-time Republican State Sen. Adeline Geo-Karis supported Democrat Michael Bond of Grayslake.

Kryczka said he would be

accountable only to the people in the first district.

"When it comes to property assessments, many homeowners feel over-taxed, powerless, and bewildered by the inconsistency of the process," he said. "I would make the chief county assessor an elected position. The chief county assessor is responsible to supervise the assessment process."

Skinner also said he would work to improve the property tax assessment process.

"The fight is on to change the way your property tax assessments are done," he said. "With your vote Feb. 5, we will be one step closer to taking the fight to a higher level."

Skinner said the Lake County Board should hold more meetings, including budget hearings, at night so that more citizens can attend.

"Together we can work to change this flawed process and begin to make changes for a better Lake County for all of

us," Skinner said of the assessment situation.

Randi Scheurer who is taking on U.S. Rep. Melissa Bean, D-Barrington, stated her platform for the Eighth District seat.

"As a peace candidate, some good people think my sole concern is the war in Iraq," she said. "There is more to my candidacy than the war. People want secure jobs. I stand for fair trade, not free trade."

Scheurer said there should be guaranteed health care for all citizens.

Jim Parks, of Antioch, is seeking the seat held by State Rep. JoAnn Osmond, R-Antioch. He is unopposed in the primary.

"We know how bad the roads are, Routes 173, 83 and 59. Why are they so bad?" Parks said. "I will go to Springfield and help Bond, who has done a tremendous job of bringing improvements."

>> Gurnee

Gurnee plans to improve

Park district invites public to view strategic plan

By YADIRA SANCHEZ OLSON
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GURNEE - If you expect the best from your park district, Gurnee might be the place for you. According to the Gurnee Park District's Web site, www.gurneeparkdistrict.com, its vision is to be "the most effective, efficient, and responsive government agency that the community will ever encounter."

And the community is invited to review the park district's new strategic plan. The park district will consider the plan for 2008 through 2011 during a board meeting beginning at 7 p.m. Feb. 19 at Viking Park Community Center.

"We are very excited about this plan since this establishes a roadmap for the park district to achieve excellence in all areas of its operations and provide the community with an increased sense of pride in their park district," said Susie Kuruvilla, executive director of the park district.

The plan is now available at Viking Park Community Center, Hunt Club Park Community Center, Gurnee Village Hall, and Warren Newport Public Library.

It also can be viewed online at the park district's Web site.

According to the plan, the park district conducted surveys in June 2007 through Leisure Vision, an outside consulting firm.

The results of those surveys showed that people using the parks gave a 47 percent excellence rating. The Illinois benchmark for excellence is 34 percent.

Gowe Beach, behind Warren High School's O'Plaine campus, got the lowest rating at 7 percent.

The plan reads that a great investment would be needed to increase the level of satisfaction at the waterfront facility.

The possibility of building an indoor pool is mentioned in the plan, because of Warren Township High School's pool being less available because of the growth of the high school's swim team and swim club.

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>> LibraryDigest

Antioch Public Library District

AARP tax aide

The library will host AARP Tax Aide volunteers to provide income tax assistance for seniors and those with lower incomes. This service is made available by appointment only. Volunteers will be at the library from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursdays starting Feb. 7. Appointments must be made in advance. The Adult Services desk is accepting appointments. To schedule an appointment, call 847-395-0874. The following items will be needed at the appointment: a driver's license or other picture identification, your social security number, last year's tax return, and the current year's documents.

Musical performance by Jeff Justman

This program will be a concert and workshop with narratives tracing the musical roots of folk, classic rock, country, jazz and classical music. The performance will be at 2 p.m. Jan. 27.

You've got games!

Children of all ages can come to the library to play board games and card games from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 29. Children also can bring their favorite games. Reading and arithmetic skills are necessary for most games.

Chocolate, chocolate!

Patrons can spend an evening learning about chocolate in various forms with "El Chef: Michael Niksic." This event will be at 7 p.m. Feb. 4. Cost is

\$5. Refreshments, prizes and a variety of chocolate will be available.

Lake Villa District Library

Friends of LVDL storage overstock sale

A sale of books and audio-visual items will take place at the library. The sale will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 25 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 26 in Meeting Room A.

Write stuff author reception

A launch party for the first issue of The Write Stuff literary magazine will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Jan. 30 in Meeting Rooms A and B. All kids who contributed to the magazine and their families are may attend, along with any Write Stuff workshop participants and their families. Call the library at the Youth Services desk to register.

Lakes literary league

All writers published or not may attend from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 7 in Meeting Room A. Drop-off and pick up copies of writing at the Adult Reference Desk.

Loose Change & Friends performing Music of the Hills

Enjoy a program of live Appalachian old-time songs and instrumentals played while images of Appalachian history and scenery are projected from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 10 in Meeting Rooms A and B. Refreshments will be served. The event is open to the public.

>> Grayslake

Author visits local bookstore

Teens come to Under the Sycamore Tree to meet writer

By STEVE PETERSON
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GRAYSLAKE - On Jan. 20, Julie Halpern, author of the book "Get Well Soon," visited a Grayslake bookstore, which recently celebrated its one-year anniversary.

Under the Sycamore Tree Bookstore is at 970 Harris Road. Jackie Harris is the proprietor.

A funny yet poignant tale, "Get Well Soon" follows teenager Anna Bloom during her stint at a mental hospital. Bloom's voice resonates well with teens on up and anyone who has felt "stuck" or disoriented at one time or another, according to a release. As Bloom learns to cope "in this freakish place," she befriends her roommate with a plastic baby and nourishes a new crush, according to a release.

A handful of teens came to meet the author at Under the Sycamore Tree.

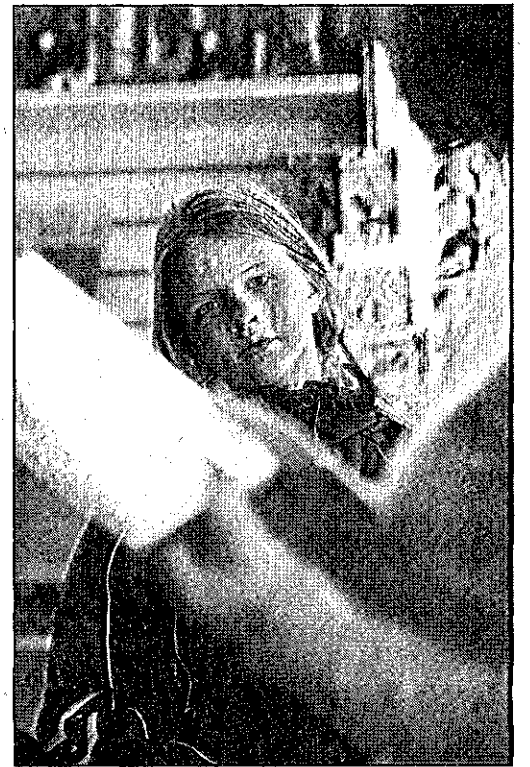
"I like to work with the kids. They inspire me," Halpern said of her "day job" as a teacher at Washburn Middle School in Winnetka.

A disappointment in a writing contest led to Halpern's first book getting published. She plans to write another one this summer, again based on teenage life.

A Chicago native, Halpern started her career writing zines, or self-produced magazines.

She met her husband, illustrator Matthew Cordell, after he e-mailed her about a zine she wrote. They live near the Illinois-Wisconsin border.

Under the Sycamore Tree features books, toys and games for kids of all ages, plus a se-



Candace H. Johnson - njwnews@nwnewsgroup.com

Sarah Wasik, 10, of Grayslake, listens to author Julie Halpern read from her book "Get Well Soon" at Under the Sycamore Tree bookstore in Grayslake.

lection of titles and gift merchandise for adults.

Harris was a school teacher for 12 years before opening the bookstore. A small staff, mostly part-timers, includes Grayslake Central and Grayslake North students, she said.

>> SchoolNotes

DISTRICT 117 Post Prom 2008

The Post Prom Committee is looking for parents to help provide ideas about a safe place

where students can go after Prom 2008. The committee meets at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month in the Antioch Community High School

office conference room. For more information, e-mail Jude Huebner at tjhuebner@sbcglobal.net. Darcy Dussault also may be contacted at 847-395-9174.

>> PoliceBeat

People named here have only been charged with these crimes, not convicted. Information in Police Beat comes from local police records.

GURNEE

Domestic battery

Mathew R. Scanlon, 38, 6380 Crossland Blvd., Gurnee, domestic battery, Jan. 22.

DUI

Abraham Severson, 23, 513 First St., Waukegan, driving under the influence, Jan. 21.

Diane M. Summers, 43, 248th Ave., Salem, Wis., driving under the influence, leaving the scene of an accident, possession of marijuana, Jan. 19.

Christopher J. Slomczewski, 20, 41310 N. Hawthorne Lane, Antioch, driving under the influence, speeding, Jan. 17.

No valid license

Geyvi Martinez Mejia, 17, 542 Sage St., Lake Geneva, driving without a valid license, driving without insurance, Jan. 18.

Suspended license

Terrence A. Sullivan, 26, 10028 S. State St., Chicago, driving with a suspended license, Jan. 22.

Anthony F. Mazzuca, 42, 715 Grand Ave., Waukegan, driving with a suspended license, Jan. 20.

Tanya Jacqueline Garnica, 20, 1901 N. Orleans, McHenry, driving with a suspended license, driving without registration, Jan. 19.

Venita Vaughn, 40, 204 N. Lamont Ave., Chicago, driving with a suspended license, driving without insurance, Jan. 18.

Criminal trespass

Tyrone C. Harrell, 20, 951 Lorraine Ave., Waukegan, criminal trespass, Jan. 18.

Driving without a license

Lanyon Richard Clute, 26, 656 Beth Court, Gurnee, driving without a license, driving without insurance, Jan. 18.

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Lottie T. Vejvoda, 88, Spring Grove

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Longtime lieutenant receives promotion

Lake County Sheriff Mark Curran recently announced the promotion of Lt. Anthony Ward to Deputy Chief on the correctional division side of the Sheriff's Office. After meeting with Chief of Corrections Jennifer Witherspoon, Curran said, in a release that he thought the move to be the right one for the agency.

Ward began his career with the sheriff's office in 1982. He was promoted to the rank of corporal in 1985, sergeant in 1987 and lieutenant in 1992. In 1999, Ward was appointed as director of work release. In addition to this, he has been the ranking command officer on the afternoon shift for the past 15 years, according to the release.

Deputy Chief Ward attended Parsons College from 1970 to 1972 before joining the U.S. Navy where he served from 1972 to 1980. He is a graduate of the National Institute of Corrections for jail officers and has attended countless training courses for supervisors throughout his 26-year employment.

"I am delighted to have Deputy Chief Ward join the administrative staff of our jail division," Lake County Sheriff Mark Curran said in a statement. "He will be working with Chief Witherspoon and Deputy Chief Firman on continuing to make our jail operations even more progressive and productive."

Deputy Chief Ward resides in Lake County with his wife and 8-year-old daughter. He also has a grown son who is employed by the Fresno County Sheriff's Office in Fresno County, Calif.

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Consumers Credit Union hosts free seminar

Consumers Credit Union's 2008 seminar series begins in February with "Tax-Savings Retirement Planning."

The free seminar is open to the public Feb. 13 at the Holiday Inn Gurnee, sponsored by Consumers Credit Union and Mike Gibbons of Consumers Financial and Investment Services.

Those attending will learn the newest information about how to save on taxes while preparing for retirement, according to a release from the credit union.

"401ks, pension plans, Medicare, and Social Security all play an important role in retirement planning," Consumers Credit Union President Sean M. Rathjen. "While it's great to have options, there are so many choices that it's challenging to determine which option provides the most benefit for your personal situation."

To register for the program, call Gerred Riley at 847-265-5531 or gerred@myconsumers.org.

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Discover a hidden treasure

Thrift shop in Round Lake Beach lives up to its name

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ROUND LAKE BEACH> Sometimes a name can describe a place in many ways. For example, at Hidden Treasures Thrift Shop, you can find many material treasures. And if you look hard enough you might discover the real hidden treasures that the shop offers.

It presents a chance to teach lessons and provide opportunities to be part of a community.

Hidden Treasures Gift and Thrift Shop in Round Lake Beach is owned by the Allendale Association, a nonprofit organization aimed at helping young people in need. Dr. Dennis Divoky, Allendale's Director of Vocational Education, said the store is used primarily as a vocational tool for Allendale's young adults. The store opened four years ago and it is run like any other retail shop. But, while most other retail shops hire employees who already possess job and people skills, at Hidden Treasures those are the skills they teach their employees.

"The kids that work here are high school students that have had prior job experience on campus [at Allendale] and have had no behavior incidents," said Tina Chiero, coordinator at Hidden Treasures. "It's kind of the end of the line before they go independent."

And many of the young adults have done just that and have moved on to other jobs, because of the skills they have learned from the Allendale Association and finally the thrift shop.

"Our kids come from trauma background and they don't know how to interact with people," Chiero said. "Customer service and social skills is something we focus on."

Hidden Treasures helps its employees learn what they will need for their future. One example, Chiero pointed out, is a senior in high school, who has been working at the thrift shop for seven months.

"I'm learning how to work the cash register and how to deal with difficult customers," said the girl, who asked to remain anonymous.

The people skills she's learning might come in handy when she's older and out in world.

"I want to go to college, graduate and become a lawyer," she said.

Chiero said that along with all the good people are doing for the Allendale kids, shopping at Hidden Treasures also is an enjoyable experience.

"We have worked very hard to make the store look like a boutique; people think 'hole in the wall' when they hear thrift shop, but we're not like that," Chiero said.

Treasure chest

Hidden Treasures Gift and Thrift Shop hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.
Where: Sweetwater Crossing Shopping Plaza on 2177 North Route 83, in Round Lake Beach.
Merchandise: Clothes, dishware, shoes, toys, and other knickknacks.



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Marisol Lopez, of Round Lake Park, shops for clothes at the Hidden Treasure Gift and Thrift Store in Round Lake Beach. The store serves as a vocational training site for kids from the Allendale Association, a nonprofit organization in Lake Villa. The store carries items such as clothes, dishware, shoes, toys and knickknacks.

Condell, Advocate in merger discussions

By JESSICA JACOBSEN
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LIBERTYVILLE - More changes seem to be in store for Lake County and Condell Health Network.

The Libertyville-based health-care provider is in exclusive merger discussions with Advocate Health Care.

Jodi Levine, vice president of business development for Condell,

said this potential merger would be beneficial to Lake County.

"It would ... facilitate the kind of service expansion the county needs and deserves," Levine said.

Levine could not give a timeline for when the merger could become official but said both sides are working expeditiously to get it done.

This merger should not have an affect on Condell's continued attempts to reach Level I trauma sta-

tus for Condell Medical Center, Levine said.

"We are still committed to becoming a Level I trauma center ... because the county needs it," Levine said.

Advocate released a statement Jan. 16 stating that the two health-care providers had entered into an exclusive agreement to negotiate a merger.

That day Condell also released a

statement dismissing a proposal from Lake Forest Hospital Foundation about a potential merger that had been proposed Jan. 14.

Lake Forest Hospital released a statement Jan. 17 that seemed optimistic that Condell's dismissal would not be the end of merger discussions between the two.

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John S. Matijevich

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Recruiting high school students for the military is not an uncommon sight, but columnist John Matijevich writes that those practices need some tweaking. He suggests that instead of the law considering everyone an option for recruitment that students or parents should sign up for it.

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This week's question

"Who do you see as the front-runner in the 2008 presidential election?"

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House look outs for homeowners

The Illinois House of Representatives is looking out for homeowners during this housing crisis. The House passed a legislation that would help at-risk homeowners and State Rep. Ed Sullivan, R-Mundelein, is one of its supporters.

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Stopping steroid use

The IHSA made the right decision to test for performance-enhancement drugs.

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Start your engines



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Pinewood derby cars are boxed after having been raced at the Cub Scouts Pack 83 Pinewood Derby at the Lakefront Park Building in Fox Lake. Scouts raced their handmade cars Jan. 19. Nick Ranberg, new to Pack 83, won the fastest car award.

Kicking the habit

County offers help for those trying to quit smoking

By JOSEPH MULLER

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The start of the Smoke-Free Act on Jan. 1 might have been a rude awakening for many smokers.

But Lake County is providing many resources for those who want to break the habit.

People can attend the Lake County Health Department's quit smoking program modeled by the Mayo Clinic Nicotine Dependence Center. Health Educator Barbara de Nekker said this program gives people a better understanding of nicotine's effect on the body, while offering many nicotine coping strategies.

This program also covers a holistic approach to smoke prevention including stress management, exercise, and nutrition advice. People interested in joining this program can call 847-377-8090. The \$35 program meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the American Cancer Society Offices at 100 Tri-State International, Suite 125, in Lincolnshire.

Other hospitals in the area offer similar quit smoking programs modeled on the American Cancer Society.

Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital's (AGSH) program meets the first Wednesday of every month. People can register for this program by calling 847-323-8622.

Those who shy away from large groups can have a one-on-one counseling with a tobacco treatment specialist offered by AGSH. Contact 847-620-7600 for more information.

People can find out about Evanston Northwestern Healthcare's individual and group smoking sessions by calling 847-570-3939.

A state-wide hot line for

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I can tell you that using proven quit smoking strategies such as nicotine replacement, counseling, group support, and medications can double your success rate.

Barbara de Nekker

Lake County Health Department
Health educator

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quitting smoking offers instant support from trained counselors at 866-QUIT-YES.

“Quitting hot lines are very different, but they can be very effective,” de Nekker said.

Advancements in technology also can help smokers find counseling, medication guides, support groups, and self-assessment tools. One online quite smoking community, Quitnet, has roughly 60,000 members. People can register at quitnet.com free of charge.

The Lake County Health Department also offers Adult and Teen Tobacco Free starter kits in Spanish and English for smokers wanting basic quitting information. To obtain one of these kits, call 847-377-8090 or e-mail Tobacco Free Lake County at tflc@co.lake.il.us.

Those interested in more innovative methods of treating smoking can try laser therapy. Shawn Mossell's smoking clinic in Wilmette combines hypnosis with laser therapy. Mossell said the

clinic has helped more than 3,000 smokers quit.

“No clinic in the United States compares to our results,” Mossell said.

Laser Therapy uses a cool laser on a person's nervous system to influence the body's production of pleasure-feeling endorphins – an effect akin to acupuncture's influence the body. This levels off the normally unstable endorphin production of most smokers, temporarily eliminating smokers' physical need for nicotine.

Mossell said cool laser treatments are completely safe and have no side effects. He added that clients should feel results after one treatment, but can get bonus treatments if needed for up to one year.

Depending on what type of treatments are administered, Mossell's appointments cost between \$300 and \$400. However, groups of people signing up for treatments can lower their cost to as low as \$220.

Mossell said some groups that were pleased with his treatments have invited him multiple times to treat other smokers.

The village of Fox Lake invited Mossell for the fifth time for group treatments Jan. 14. People can arrange individual or group appointments at Mossell's Wilmette clinic by calling 847-256-1606.

In the end, people interested in quitting smoking need to choose what type of smoke quitting methods work for themselves.

“I can tell you that using proven quit smoking strategies such as nicotine replacement, counseling, group support, and medications can double your success rate,” de Nekker said.

mother and baby, according to the release.

Other topics relevant to both new and expectant mothers also are presented, including support from friends and family and time management with a new baby.

The club also provides moms with an opportunity to meet others, share experiences and learn from each other.

WIC is a special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants and children that provides nutrition education, healthcare referrals, breastfeeding support, and vouchers for nutritious supplemental foods at no cost to eligible Lake County residents, according to the release.

For additional information, contact Noemi Mojica, the Health Department's breastfeeding peer counselor, at 847-377-8486.

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Health department offers Mom's Club

The Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center is now offering a Mom's Club for new and expecting mothers.

The Mom's Club is an educational support group that meets every Tuesday from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Lake County Health Department's Belvidere Medical Building, 2400 Belvidere Road in Waukegan.

Dads and grandmothers also are welcome at the meetings, according to a release from the health department.

The club was developed to help expectant mothers prepare for the arrival of their babies, particularly focusing on breastfeeding support. The club emphasizes breastfeeding as the best feeding method and focuses on the advantages for both

Keep your pets safe this winter

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Winter weather can not only be a time of illness and injury if people fail to take appropriate health and safety precautions, but harsh conditions can be tough on pets as well, according to the Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center.

The following are some tips from the health department on how to help keep your pet safe and healthy this winter.

Do not leave dogs outdoors when it becomes uncomfortably cold.

Most dogs and cats are safer indoors except when taken out for exercise.

Regardless of the season, short-haired, very young or old dogs, and all cats should never be left outside without supervision. Short-coated dogs might feel more comfortable wearing a sweater during walks. If your pet is shivering, it's time to bring it inside.

No matter what the temperature, wind chill can threaten

a pet's life. If your dog is an outdoor dog, he or she should be protected by a dry, draft-free doghouse that is large enough to allow the dog to sit and lie down comfortably, but small enough to hold in his or her body heat.

The floor should be raised a few inches off the ground and covered with cedar shavings or straw. The house should face away from the wind, and the doorway should be covered with waterproof covering or heavy plastic.

Pets that spend a lot of time outside during the winter need more food because keeping warm depletes energy. Make sure to routinely check your pet's water dish to make sure water is fresh and unfrozen. Use plastic water bowls because when the temperature is low, the pet's tongue can stick and freeze to the metal.

Salt and other chemicals used to melt snow and ice can irritate the pads of your pet's feet. Wipe the feet with a damp

towel before your pet licks them and irritates his or her mouth.

Antifreeze is a deadly poison that has a sweet taste, which might attract animals.

Wipe up spills and store antifreeze out of reach. If possible, use antifreeze coolant made with propylene glycol. If this is swallowed in small amounts, it will not hurt pets.

Do not allow your dog to run freely on open ice. It can be difficult to judge the safety of the ice, and your dog could be at risk of falling through.

During the winter, it is best to keep your pets inside with the family.

The happiest dogs are those that are taken out frequently for walks and exercise, but are kept inside the rest of the time. Dogs and cats crave human companionship and should be indoors with you and your family.

For more information on pet safety, call the Health Department's Animal Control facility at 847-949-9925.

An RSVP is required by Jan. 27. For information and registration, contact Dr. Li-hua Yu at 847-543-2741 or by e-mail at lyu@clcillinois.edu.

CLC recently received a highly competitive U.S. Department of Education grant to fund international studies.

CLC is using the \$61,000 grant to fund a variety of initiatives focused on Chinese and East Asian Studies, including opportunities to study in China.

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General Primary Election Information

The General Primary Election for Illinois is on Tuesday, Feb. 5. In addition to voting for candidates running in the Presidential Primary Election, Lake County voters will be voting for County Board candidates in certain districts and in races for several countywide offices. Sample ballots are available at www.co.lake.il.us/cntyck by clicking on "What's on My Ballot?" in the "Quick Links" section.

Voters also can find out where they are supposed to vote on Feb. 5 by checking the "Where's My Voting Site?" section in the Lake County Clerk's Web site at www.co.lake.il.us/cntyck and click on "Quick Links" to see pictures, directions and a map from your home to your voting site.

Early voting

Early voting has begun throughout Lake County. Registered voters may vote early until the close of business on Jan. 31. Unlike absentee voting, early voters do not need a reason to vote early and do not need to complete a separate application. A convenient early voting center in your area, in addition to the County Building in Waukegan, can be found by visiting www.co.lake.il.us/cntyck. Use the "Quick Links" to locate your early voting site, print driving directions and a map.

Absentee voting

Requests for an Application for Absentee Ballot will be accepted in person, by mail and e-mail at absentee@co.lake.il.us until Jan. 31. Voting will be offered during regular office

hours Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Fridays (except on Fridays before a holiday week-end) until 7:30 p.m. In-person absentee voting will also be offered from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 2. The last day to vote in-person absentee is Monday, Feb. 4.

Election results

Local results for the primary will be available on the County Web site at www.co.lake.il.us about 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 5, after the polls close. The Lake County Clerk's Office provides results for local precincts and a summary for all races voted on by Lake County voters. Information will be updated as local precincts report their vote totals.

Comcast cable subscribers also will be able to see election results on LCTV (channel 18 or 30 depending on where you live) for certain races. LCTV will show results for all County Board and countywide office races and for contested State Senate and State Representative races.

Historic first electronic document

History was made in the Lake County Recorder's Office with the filing of the County's first electronically recorded document. The documents were submitted instantaneously from First American Lenders Advantage, based in Ohio, through the Internet and officially recorded. People doing business with the County can now instantly record documents from the comfort of their homes or offices.

The process involves submitting, receiving and processing documents for recording that

have traditionally been sent to the county for recording by runner, express mail or courier service. Recorded documents can now be seamlessly indexed, archived, and made available to the public.

Individuals and businesses that regularly file documents with the Lake County Recorder can contact the Recorder's Office at 847-377-2575 or visit www.co.lake.il.us/elibrary/press/2008/ElectronicRecording_NewsRelease.pdf for more information.

County Board action

The County Board approved a fee increase for issuing marriage licenses in order to reflect the actual cost to Lake County. The new fees reflect what neighboring counties charge to their customers. A marriage license now costs \$25 rather than \$15.

Youth employment hot line opens


The 2008 Summer Youth Employment Program is open to Lake County youth ages 14-15 who meet the program's low-income criteria. Students who receive free/reduced lunch at school or youth ages 14-21 who have a documented disability qualify for the program.

Individuals who call the hot line on or after Feb. 1 should leave the following information in order to be considered: Name; phone number; city/village you live in; and age.

The hot line phone number is 847-377-3443.

New on LCTV this month

For the LCTV program schedule and to view special programming online, visit www.co.lake.il.us/about/lctv.asp.



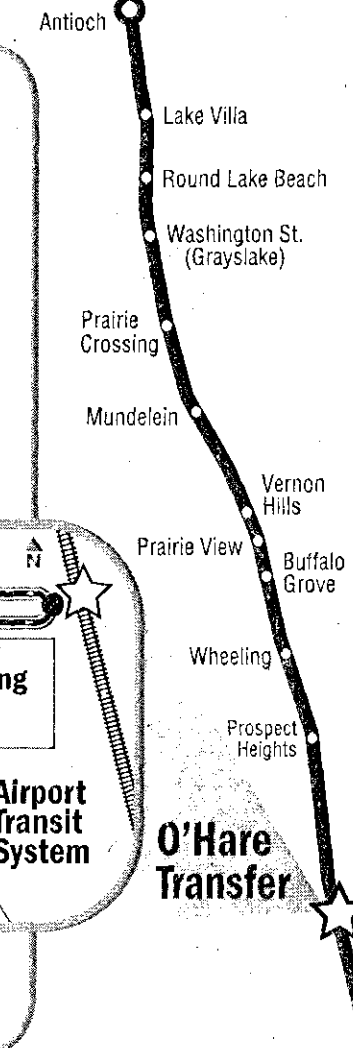
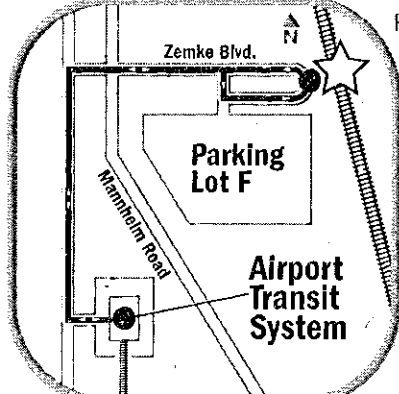
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Global events for community members

In celebration of the Chinese New Year, the College of Lake County will host a reception and dinner, open to community members, area business persons and CLC faculty, staff and students from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 1.

The event will take place at the Silk Mandarin Restaurant, 4 E. Phillip Road in Vernon Hills.

Cost is \$25 a person, and all event proceeds will benefit Chinese study abroad scholarships.

ALLEN R. MC CORMICK**Born:** Dec. 9, 1932**Died:** Jan. 12, 2008*Was active in the Community Protestant Church in Mundelein*

LIBERTYVILLE – Allen R. McCormick, age 75 of Libertyville, passed away Jan. 12, 2008, at the Condell Medical Center. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in Japan during the Korean Conflict.

Surviving are his wife, Ruby McCormick; children, Jay (Linda) McCormick

of Leadville, Colo., Penney (Steve) Wyman, of Mundelein and Anna and Robert McCormick, of Libertyville; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Irene E. McCormick, and on April 26, 1991, by his first wife, Irene M. McCormick.

Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m. Jan. 15 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Funeral services were at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 15, during the visitation. Memorial contributions can be made to the Community Protestant Church in Mundelein. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

ROSEANNE E. LARSON**Born:** Aug. 13, 1935**Died:** Jan. 13, 2008*Was a fan of Elvis and Country Thunder*

ROUND LAKE PARK – Roseanne E. Larson, age 72 of Round Lake Park, died Jan. 13, 2008, at Manorcare in Libertyville. She was born in Kent, Wash. to Gordon and Roseanne Fulp.

Survivors include three sons, William (Cathy), Robert (Lynn) and Charles (Wendy); 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a sister; and a brother. She is preceded in death by her husband, Donald, on April 26, 1989; two children, Douglas and Roseanne; and a brother.

All arrangements were entrusted to Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Grayslake.

Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

J. ANDREW 'ANDY' ALECKSON**Born:** Nov. 8, 1950**Died:** Jan. 12, 2008*Enjoyed boating, golf and music*

LIBERTYVILLE – J. Andrew "Andy" Aleckson, age 57, of Libertyville, died Jan. 12, 2008, in Chicago.

Surviving are his wife, Judy Aleckson, and children, Michael (Heather Weber) Aleckson, of Chicago, and Kristin (Craig) Swanson, of Arlington Heights; a sister, three brothers, and his parents, Bill and Frances Aleckson, of Round Lake.

Visitation was from noon, until the time of services at 2 p.m. Jan. 19 at the First Presbyterian Church

in Libertyville. In lieu of flowers, a contribution that would benefit children with special needs such as the Special Olympics, Ronald McDonald Charities or the Federation of Children with Special Needs would be appreciated. Arrangements were handled by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

LILLO I. MAIER**Born:** June 22, 1925**Died:** Jan. 7, 2008*She and her husband traveled extensively*

METTAWA – Lilo I. Maier, age 82, of Mettawa, died Jan. 7, 2008, at her home.

Surviving are her husband, Lothar H. Maier, and son, John (Beverly) Maier, both of Mettawa; and two grandchildren.

Visitation was from 1 to 3 p.m., Jan. 19 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

MICHAEL G. CRAIG**Born:** June 4, 1979**Died:** Jan. 15, 2008*Graduated from Southern Illinois University in May, 2006*

LINDENHURST – Michael G. Craig, age 28, of Lindenhurst, died Jan. 15, 2008, at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville.

Son of Dennis and Christine Craig, of Lindenhurst; brother to Jill Craig, of Woodstock; grandson of Joseph and Bertha Januzik, of Peoria. His grandparents Melvin and Irene Craig precede him in death.

Friends of the family visited from 3 p.m. to the time of funeral services at 6 p.m. Jan. 18 at Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Grayslake. Interment was private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Kellogg Cancer Care Center, 2650 Ridge Ave. Evanston, IL 60201 would be greatly appreciated. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

LOTTIE T. VEJVODA**Born:** Feb. 14, 1919**Died:** Jan. 16, 2008*She loved traveling, cooking and caring for her family*

SPRING GROVE – Lottie T. Vevjoda, age 88, of Spring Grove, formerly of Antioch, passed away Jan. 16, 2008, at the Hillcrest Nursing Center in Round Lake Beach. Lottie was born Feb. 14, 1919, in Chicago, the daughter of the late Josef and Frances Lupa, and moved to Antioch in 1954.

On Aug. 27, 1938, she married Edward Vevjoda in Chicago and he preceded her in death Feb. 14, 1995. Lottie worked for the Cernak Real Estate Agency in Antioch and, with her husband operated the Ed and Lottie's Resort in Antioch.

She was a devoted member of St. Peter Church and the St. Peter Council of Catholic Women in Antioch.

Lottie also was a longtime member of the Antioch Chapter 735 of the Women of the Moose. She loved traveling, cooking and caring for her family.

Survivors are two sons, Edward (Barbara) Jr., of Lakewood, Wis., and Ronald (Sharon) of San Clemente, Calif.; a brother, Edward (Lorraine) Lupa of Darien; nine grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters and by a daughter Judith Fransch in 1972.

Funeral services with Mass of Christian Burial were at 10 a.m., Jan. 21, at St. Peter Church, 557 Lake St., Antioch. Interment was at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Antioch after the service. Visitation was from 2 until 6 p.m., Jan. 20, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch with St. Peter Council of Catholic Women prayers at 3 p.m.; after that the Antioch Chapter 735 of the Women of the Moose had services.

Friends desiring may make contributions to St. Peter Church, in her memory. Please sign our guest book for Lottie at www.strangfh.com. Please also sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

ANNE MARTHE MAK**Born:** Dec. 3, 1928**Died:** Jan. 18, 2008*Enjoyed French cooking*

LINDENHURST – Anne Marthe Mak (Lipowicz), age 79 of Lindenhurst, died Jan. 18, 2008. Wife of the late Ruffin Mak.

She was the daughter of the late Jean-Baptiste and Marianne Lipowicz, the mother of Chantal (Jean-Jacques) Majon, William Mak, and Sandra (Bill) Noeltling; grandmother of five; sister to three siblings.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 427 N. Cedar Lake Road in Round Lake.

Those desiring may make contributions in her memory to Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, 427 N. Cedar Lake Road, Round Lake, IL 60073. Arrangements were entrusted to Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, in Grayslake. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

SUSAN S. (GORT) PFAD**Born:** June 10, 1954**Died:** Jan. 15, 2008*Had been a manager for Sears Optical at various locations*

FOX LAKE – Susan S. (Gort) Pfad, age 53, a lifetime resident of Fox Lake passed away Jan. 15, 2008, at her home. She was born on June 10, 1954, to Aloysius "Al" and Helen (Zak) Gort in Chicago. Susan had attended and graduated from Grant Community High School with the class of 1972.

She attended St. Bede Catholic Church in Ingleside, and had been a manager for Sears Optical at various locations for many years. She will be dearly missed by her

husband, Kenneth A. Pfad, of Fox Lake; her daughters, Stacy (Kerry) Otowska of Wisconsin, Britney Pfad of Lake Villa, and Courtney Pfad of Wisconsin; by her father, Aloysius "Al" Gort of Wadsworth; by her siblings, Christine (Richard) Maslowe of Mexico, Allen Gort of Ingleside and Debra Gort of Ingleside, James (Gladys) Gort of McHenry, Mary (William) Triggs of Ingleside, Elizabeth (Steven) Novelen of Arizona, Joseph (Julianne) Gort of Spring Grove and David (Cindy) Gort of Spring Grove; and by many nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives; by her wonderful dogs, Baby, Sparky, Spike and Cami. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Helen, and by her mother, Helen, in 1998.

A private Memorial Mass will take place in Susan's memory. In lieu of flowers the family will appreciate donations for the Wounded Heroes Foundation, Inc., in the name of Susan S. Pfad, 180 N. Stetson Ave., Suite 4525, Chicago, IL 60601. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

MARIO J. LITRENTO**Born:** Oct. 2, 1927**Died:** Jan. 19, 2008*Enjoyed playing baseball, bowling, and golfing*

TREVOR, WIS. – Mario J. Litrento, age 80 of Trevor, Wis., died Jan. 19, 2008, at St. Catherine's Medical Campus West in Pleasant Prairie, Wis. He was born the son of the late Michele and Amelia (Guarnieri). Mario had served in the U.S. Army during WWII. On May 3, 1952, he married Adeline Hartman in Chicago.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Adeline; three children, Lori (Steve) Plese, of Crystal Lake, Dawn (Larry) Kurbel of Middleton, Wis., and Rob Litrento of Trevor, Wis.; two grandchildren; and a brother. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two brothers.

Memorial services with military honors were at 1 p.m., Jan. 23, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. Interment was private. Visitation was from 10 a.m. until time of services on Jan. 23, at the funeral home. Please sign Mario's guest book at www.strangfh.com. Please also sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

DANNY R. SCHMIDT**Born:** Sept. 1, 1947**Died:** Jan. 19, 2008*He attended the Jehovah Witnesses Kingdom Hall in Round Lake*

ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS – Danny R. Schmidt, age 60 of Round Lake Heights, died Jan. 19, 2008, at his home. He was born to the late Leonard and Vivian Schmidt.

Danny is survived by his wife of 39 years, Frances; his sons, Danny Schmidt of Honolulu and Jason

Schmidt of Pleasant Prairie, Wis.; his mother-in-law, Adeline Dombrowski; his siblings; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his father-in-law, Norbert, and a brother.

Friends of the family visited from 4 p.m. until the time of the funeral service at 8 p.m. on Jan. 23 at Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Grayslake. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

PATRICIA ANN BROACH**Born:** Nov. 5, 1936**Died:** Jan. 18, 2008*Lived in Round Lake for the past five years*

ROUND LAKE – Patricia Ann Broach, age 71 of Round Lake, died Jan. 18, 2008, at the Condell Medical Center in Libertyville.

Surviving are two children, Ronald (Lori) Broach of North Aurora and Sherry Broach of Round Lake; and her grandson. She was preceded in death by her husband James Broach in 1984.

Private services were Jan. 19 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

GERTRUDE EDWARDS REILLY**Born:** May 22, 1918**Died:** Jan. 20, 2008*Was a former employee of the Libertyville Township office*

LIBERTYVILLE – Gertrude Edwards Reilly, age 89 of Libertyville, died Jan. 20, 2008, at the Winchester House.

Surviving are three children, Ronald (Beverly) Edwards of Gurnee, Susan (Terry) Grimes of Kampsville, and Lynn Towne (Bill Wysow) of Gurnee; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; five stepchildren; 14 step-grandchildren; 17 step-great-grandchildren; and three brothers. She was preceded in death by her first husband, John Edwards, in 1976; her second husband, James Reilly, in 2007; an infant daughter, Kathy Ann; and four brothers.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Jan. 24 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Interment was at Lakeside Cemetery after the services.

Visitation was at the funeral home from 4 to 8 p.m. on Jan. 23. Memorial contributions can be made to either the Lakeside Cemetery Renovation Fund, P.O. Box 500, Libertyville, or the Winchester House.

Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

KENNETH A. VAN PATTEN**Born:** March 3, 1936**Died:** Jan. 20, 2008*Was a championship bowler, loved golfing, fishing and the Chicago Bears*

ANTIOCH – Kenneth A. Van Patten, age 71, of Antioch, passed away Jan. 20, 2008, on arrival of Aurora Medical Center, in

Kenosha, Wis. He was born March 3, 1936, in Antioch, the son of the late Kenneth F. and Lois (Leeper) VanPatten, and has been a lifelong resident. Ken was a championship bowler, loved golfing, fishing and the Chicago Bears. Before his retirement he worked as a custodian for the Johnsburg High School and earlier at the Larmont Special Education School in Grayslake. On July 24, 1982, he married Bettie Katur in Lake Villa.

Survivors include his wife, Bettie; a son, Scott (Tammy) Katur of Adrian, Mich.; and a daughter, Renee (Bud) Barnett of Janesville, Wis.; a sister, Virginia Winkowski of Gurnee; and five grandchildren, Danny, Heather, Marcus, Douglas and Shelby.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a sister, Nancy.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, 1055 Main St. (Route 83) with Pastor John Zellmer of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Lake Villa officiating. Cremation will be after the services.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 24. Please sign our guest book for Ken at www.strangfh.com. Please also sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

ROBERT SHAYE GEETHING**Born:** March 1, 1979**Died:** Jan. 19, 2008*Loved to travel and wanted to see the world*

FOX LAKE – Robert Shaye Geething, age 28, of Fox Lake, died Jan. 19, 2008, in New York. He was born on March 1, 1979, to Robert and Belinda (Smith). Geething and had attended Grant Community High School.

He will be greatly missed by his mother, Belinda (Thomas) Vanderleest, of Durango, Colo.; his sisters, Crystal Geething of Antioch, Shannon Geething of Fox Lake and Raneé Wiktor of Arizona; his grandmother of Fox Lake; his girlfriend, Jenny Baker of Johnsburg; and many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert, and grandfather.

Visitations will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at the K.K. Hamsher Funeral Home, 12 N. Pistakee Lake Road in Fox Lake, (The Chapel On The Lake), where funeral services will be conducted at 7 p.m. Interment will be private on Saturday, Jan. 26.

Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

MARLENE D. MAURITZ**Born:** May 26, 1943**Died:** Jan. 20, 2008*Born in Chicago*

GRAYSLAKE – Marlene D. Mauritz, age 64, of Grayslake, died Jan. 20, 2008, at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. She was born in Chicago to Syd and Pearl (Twarog) Olsen.

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Surviving are her children, Syd (Daria) Mauritz of Ingleside, Sheila (Harold) Mauritz-Short of Hawthorn Woods, Arminda (Dale) Badgerow of Grayslake, Michelle Mauritz of Carpentersville, and Shawn (Julie) Mauritz of Round Lake; her 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and two sisters. Her aforementioned parents preceded her in death.

Friends of the family visited from noon until the time of services, beginning at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 24, at Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, 410 E. Belvidere Road in Grayslake. Memorial donations to the American Diabetes Association, 30 N. Michigan Ave., 2015, Chicago, IL 60602 would be appreciated. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

>> Memorial

ARNOLD 'ARNIE' PAUL SWITZER

A Memorial Service will be at the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 525, at 26020 W. Route 173, Antioch, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2.

Arnold "Arnie" Paul Switzer, of Johnsburg, was born Dec. 1, 1942, died Friday, Jan. 4, 2008.

Survivors include his former wife and friend, Norma; stepsons, Robert (Sandy) Olson, and Randy (Dawn) Olson; three step-grandchildren, Stephanie Olson, Ryan Olson, Brayden Olson, and his lifelong pet, "Winnie."

Memorial donations would be appreciated to the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 525, 26020 W. Route 173, Antioch, IL 60002. Please sign the Guest Book at www.lakecountyjournals.com/obits.

Round Lake Advocate hospital still possible

• MERGER

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"Lake Forest Hospital remains optimistic we will have the opportunity to discuss the merits of our merger proposal with Condell Health Network's Board of Directors," the statement read. "Our plan is to combine the two highest consumer-ranked hospitals to create a locally governed comprehensive network for the region. The bottom line for residents in Lake County is that they need greater access to care and deserve a system that is committed solely to support their needs."

Levine said that Advocate and Lake Forest Hospital have not been the only health care providers that Chief Executive Dennis Milliron has had in discussions with.

"Condell Medical Center is a very attractive potential partner to health care organizations that want to make a positive health care impact on Lake County," Levine said.

Kelly Jo Golson, director of communications for Advocate, said Condell and Advocate are good fits.

"I think the mission of the two organizations really align," Golson said.

Golson said none of the specifics of the merger could be confirmed at this point, but once they get into the further stages those could be released.

The merger talks come after some major changes for Condell this year. In October 2007 Condell ended contract negotiations with health care insurance provider Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, which affected 11,000 HMO patients and tens of thousands of PPO holders.

Levine said she could not comment on whether the merger would have an effect on that issue. Golson said that it had not "come into play at this point" and she could not comment on any situation specific to Condell.

The possible merger between Condell and Advocate should not have an effect on Advocate's plan to build a hospital in Round Lake, Golson said.

"They're really separate issues," she said.

Advocate proposed to the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board in March 2007 to build a hospital with 144 single hospital rooms and a Level II trauma center in Round Lake. That proposal has been deferred to the IHFPB's April meeting.

Advocate is the largest health care provider in Illinois and operates more than 200 sites of care across metropolitan Chicago, according to a release. Condell Medical Center is the largest health-care provider in Lake County, according to the same release.

International film series coming to CLC

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Three international films - "Volver," "Offside" and "The Host" - will be presented by the College of Lake County. There is no charge for the films, which will be screened on Friday nights at 7 p.m. in room A162 on the CLC Grayslake Campus, 19351 W. Washington St.

"Volver" (2006) will be shown on Feb. 8. The film has been called Pedro Almodóvar's version of "Mildred Pierce," but it also interweaves elements of a Hitchcockian thriller and a family melo-


drama all within the confines of Almodóvar's generous comic vision. The film stars Penélope Cruz.

"Offside" (2006) will be screened on March 14. The action in this soccer film is almost never on the field, because the more important game is being played outside the stadium. Director Jafar Panahi of Iran ("The Circle," "The White Balloon") follows a group of female soccer fans in their attempts to disguise themselves as men and sneak into the largest stadium in Tehran, where women are expressly forbidden. The film is co-sponsored by the

CLC Women's Center as part of Women's History Month.

"The Host" (2006) will be shown on April 25. More than one critic has described the film as a bizarre mixture of "Little Miss Sunshine" and a giant monster movie, but director Joon-ho Bong ("Memories of a Murder") manages to seamlessly merge a dysfunctional family comedy with sharp political satire and moments of real suspense.

For more information, contact Patrick Gonder, CLC film instructor, at 847-543-2555 or at pgonder@clcillinois.edu.





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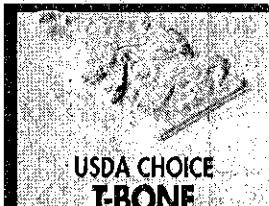
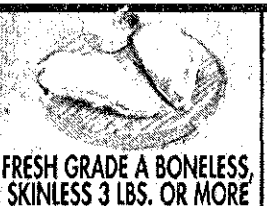
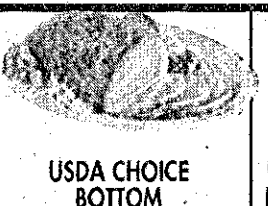

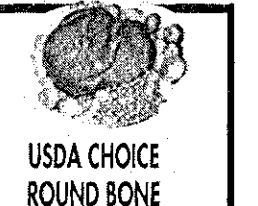
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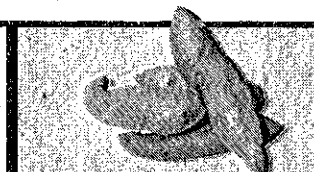

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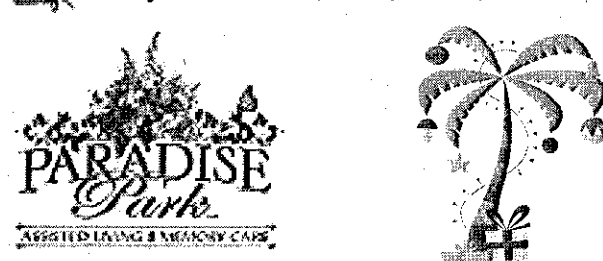
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Time to test for steroids

The Illinois High School Association will begin subjecting students to random drug testing for steroids during postseason events. The tests will be for anabolic steroids and other performance-enhancing substances. The measure was approved by the IHSA's board of directors unanimously.

The decision by the IHSA comes at the zenith of the steroid scandal in baseball. For years, baseball did not test for performance-enhancing drugs and tacitly looked the other way as players morphed into home-run hitting behemoths.

Only recently has baseball made a concerted effort to crack down. The much ballyhooed report and investigation by former Sen. George Mitchell confirmed what most figured was true - steroid use has been rampant in America's pastime.

Despite baseball's latest efforts, the damage already has been done. The message to an entire generation of baseball fans was that cheating could get you ahead. Want to win? Want to break records? Take

drugs.

That is the sad legacy of baseball's steroid era.

As unfortunate as it is that high school students have to be tested for anabolic steroids, that is the reality of modern sport. And the pressure does not simply come from the terrible example that baseball set.

The 300-pound high school football prospect no longer is unusual. It is what colleges look for in lineman. Some students who want college scholarships or a pro-sports career are tempted to do whatever it takes to achieve those goals.

The decision to test is an important and needed step by the IHSA. Aside from policing high school sports, this decision also will protect clean athletes who otherwise would find themselves at a disadvantage.

High school students never should be pressured into taking anabolic steroids to compete and succeed. The IHSA's decision to use random drug tests should help ensure that doesn't happen.

>> PartyLines

House passes bill to help at-risk homeowners

With Illinois facing record-high foreclosures amidst the growing nationwide housing crisis, State Rep. Ed Sullivan, R-Mundelein, took to the floor of the Illinois House of Representatives recently to speak in favor of legislation that would help at-risk homeowners prevent going into foreclosure and losing their home.

The legislation, HB 4191, passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 111-2 moments after Sullivan, a co-sponsor of the bill, spoke in its favor, according to a release from his office.

The legislation would expand the "Our Own Home Program" administered by the Illinois State Treasurer's Office by authorizing the Treasurer to work with financial institutions to help at-risk-of-foreclosure homeowners.

The goal of the program is to move at-risk borrowers out of sub-prime mortgage loans from predatory lenders into conventional loans from financial institutions. If approved by the Senate and signed by the Governor, the bill would become effective immediately, according to the release.

This bill would permit the Treasurer's Office to pledge 10 percent of the loan amount for the first five years of the loan to assist the homeowner in being able to afford his or her mortgage. The state would lose money only if the borrower defaults. To date, there has been only one default out of 357 loans administered by the program.



Ed Sullivan
State Rep. from
Mundelein

"With the growing nationwide housing crisis hitting close to home in communities all across Illinois, including right here in Lake County, it is imperative that we take immediate action to help homeowners," Sullivan said in a statement. "We cannot afford to sit back and wait for further action by the federal government. People are losing their homes at an alarming rate each and every day. It is critical that we do everything we can to help keep as many homeowners as possible from going into foreclosure."

Sullivan can be contacted through his District Office in Mundelein at 506 E. Hawley St. or by calling 847-566-5115.

'Fiscal watchdog'

U.S. Rep. Melissa Bean, D-Barrington, accepted the "Fiscal Watchdog" award from the Lake County Chamber of Commerce during a meeting in Libertyville earlier this month.

In presenting the award, Lake County Chamber President Lou Molitor said the chamber appreciated Bean's leadership in "bringing fiscal discipline to Washington," according to a release.

Bean is known as a leading advocate for responsible budgeting and reducing government waste, Molitor said.

"In reviewing your voting record in Congress, we found that you always voted to cut taxes," Molitor said in a statement. "You voted to enhance the child tax credit and to eliminate the marriage penalty. You voted against the recent proposed tax hike on investment fund managers - the 'carried interest' provision - which would have dried up investment in our small businesses."

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Approve retirement fund

To the editor:

On Feb. 5, the residents of Hainesville will see "an advisory" referendum on their ballot. This referendum asks whether the village should commit to participation in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund for its employees. The referendum is a frivolous one and was not placed on the ballot by the village. It was placed on the ballot by a resident who, it appears, thinks that she is better qualified to run the village than the elected officials and seems to object to just about any issue that the board favors.

The village of Hainesville staff is one of the finest and most dedicated that any community could have. I have seen them at Village Hall after hours and even on a Sunday making sure everything is in place. Most residents, who had contact with the staff over the phone or in person, have found that each one of them will go out of their way to assist in resolving any issues they may have.

The Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund is a contributory plan that the employee contributes into as well as the employer. We surveyed 20 surrounding communities and 17 offer IMRF to their employees. The three that do not all had a smaller population than Hainesville. Two of

them did not offer any plan and one had a 457 plan.

Of interest, IMRF serves state government, most municipalities, schools, colleges, hospitals, county and township.

Although the referendum is not binding, I urge Hainesville residents to vote "yes" when you go to the polls Feb. 5 and approve allowing our staff to have a deserved retirement plan.

Ted Mueller
Village President of Hainesville

Hainesville clarification

To the editor:

I am probably the person Mayor [Village President] Ted Mueller referred to when he wrote, "It [the retirement referendum] was placed on the ballot by a resident who, it appears, feels that she is better qualified to run the village than the elected officials and seems to object to just about any issue that the board favors."

I don't object to every issue the board (mayor) favors, but I do ask questions. I have, in other cities, successfully run other entities with budgets larger than Hainesville. Though I don't claim to be an expert in all things, I do have experience in managing personnel and financial assets.

Specifically, with regard to an employee retirement plan, it was never about

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their work ethic or whether they deserved a retirement plan. The concern was whether, at this time, because of our small population, other financial obligations and pending lawsuits, the IMRF was the best financial choice for the village. Joining the IMRF permanently commits the village, and ultimately the taxpayers, to fund employee pensions with no opportunity to ever withdraw from the pension plan regardless of the financial health of the village.

The reason so many other villages use IMRF is that state law requires that municipalities more than 5,000 in population join. Also, when some villages joined years ago, there were no other options. Our population is less than 3,500 and now there are other retirement plan options.

Creating this referendum was not meant as criticism, obstructionism or a personal attack. Rather, it was meant as an opportunity to give the village taxpayers an opportunity to voice their opinion on this important issue, and encourage the Village Board to consider other options.

I am genuinely interested in the welfare of this village and its residents. I am chairman of the Great Age Club (Hainesville Seniors), originator and organizer of the annual village-wide garage sale. I recently saved the village \$20,000 to \$30,000, according to industry sources, by spending months creating a five-year restoration plan for Cranberry Lake and the bid proposal to get the work done.

I was not elected, I don't get paid, but I care.

Georgeann Duberstein
Hainesville

>> SeeingItThrough

Military recruiting in high schools unfair

Some favorable comments have come in, after a recent column on the No Child Left Behind Act. One woman added that I should write about a policy that allows military recruiters in high schools. I answered that I would and said that the issue has a "tie-in" with the "No Child" law.

When the No Child Left Behind Act was enacted, there was a provision that stipulated where high schools receive federal funds. The provision mandated high schools to provide contact information of students for the purposes of military recruiting at the schools. The lists provide a massive data base for the military services to recruit youngsters.

Military recruiting at college campuses has always had mixed results, particularly during times of war. It is obvious that the probability of signing high-schoolers aged 17 and 18 is apt to be more productive.

Military recruiting programs at high schools is not without controversy. A growing number of schools have been pressured by parent organizations and students who say recruiting is targeting young people who lack the information or low-income areas and minority popula-



John S. Matijevich

listing in the military.

Because schools do receive federal funds and are obligated to compile contact information on students for military recruiters, their only "out" is where parents or students complete forms that state they want to "opt out" of the program.

Of course, that places the onus to make such a decision on the parent or student. It would seem to me that, because this is such a controversial issue, the better course would be to mandate that school authorities provide contact information about only students who volunteer to be approached by recruiters. All others should be automatically opted out. That makes too much sense to be a part of the law.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to know that recruiting programs target schools from moderate or low-income areas and minority popula-

tions. Because the Iraq War has been so publicly unpopular, military recruiting has been down.

We constantly read that, as citizens, our privacy rights are being invaded by the government. Somewhere I read that the Pentagon has contact personal information on more than 30 million citizens. Much of the data base has been outsourced and provided by private marketing firms.

That means that it is not only the government that has all of this information about citizens; it's in private hands, too. That can be scary.

What is more scary is that a part of legislation aimed at education excellence of our young, is being used to allure them to enter service during a time of war. They even give them a bonus to sign up.

And once those youngsters do sign up for military duty and become veterans, they are snubbed from receiving the rightful benefits they earned. Military recruiting in high schools is the worst case of age discrimination that I can imagine.

John S. Matijevich writes a weekly column for the Lake County Journals.

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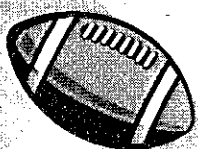


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'Untraceable'

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Movie critic Jeffrey Westhoff says that not even the talent of director Gregory Hoblit, nor fine performances from Diane Lane and the rest of the cast, can save "Untraceable" from becoming a disturbing, dissatisfying mess.

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"The Goodbye Girl" tells the story of a single mother afraid to love and an actor who opens her heart. It is at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace through March 2.

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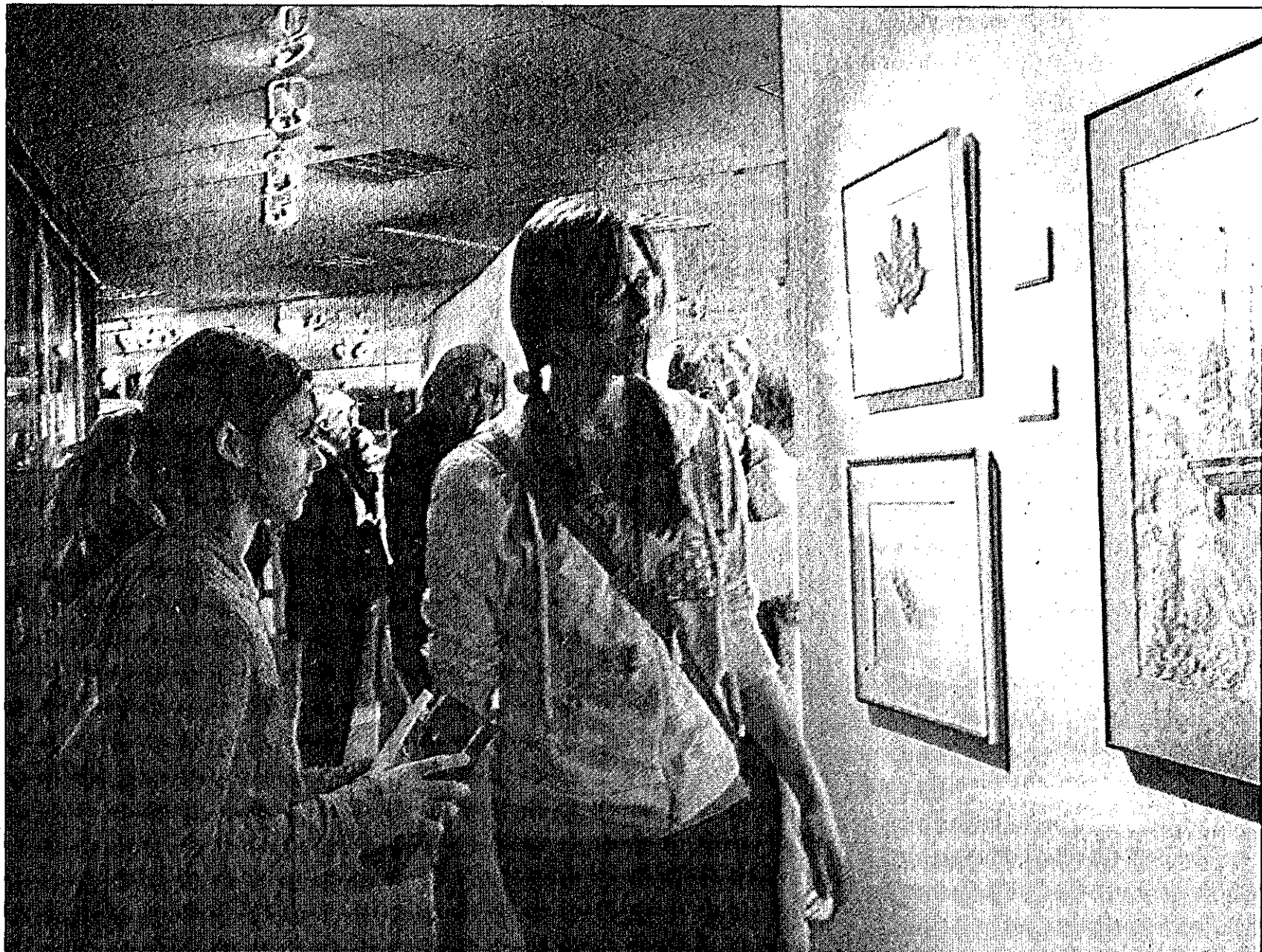


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Banana cream pie

It's hard to imagine a time when bananas were an exotic treat, but that used to be the case. Luckily, bananas are now plentiful and can be used to make delicious treats like banana cream pie. Recipe: Go to LakeCountyJournals.com and select "food" under LakeLife.

An art adventure in Grayslake



Dani Schweigert - dschweigert@nwnewsgroup.com

Eleven-year-old Makenzie Varitek (left), of Grayslake, looks at an acrylic work by Aruna N. Sarode titled "Kaffir Lily" with her aunt Joan Varitek, also of Grayslake. The work is displayed in the "Members Exhibition" at the College of Lake County in Grayslake. The exhibit features Lake County artists' works for sale and is open through Feb. 24.

Lake County artists display works at CLC's 'Members Exhibition'

By **DANI SCHWEIGERT**
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Art adventure

With the hustle and bustle of everyday life, it can be difficult to take a moment and recognize the talent of those around you. But the College of Lake County is making it a little easier to appreciate the artistic abilities of Lake County residents with its "Members Exhibition" through Feb. 24 at its Grayslake campus.

The free exhibition opened with an artists reception Jan. 18 at CLC's Robert T. Wright Community Gallery of Art and features artwork for sale for various prices.

"We've been doing this [exhibition] since the early 1990s," said Steve Jones, art gallery curator. "It's a very large exhibit with 88 pieces."

Jones said all works displayed in the exhibition are made by Lake County artists who are members of the College of Lake County Foundation. He added that the gallery also hosts a juried art show in the fall and strives to live up to its name by being active in the community and encouraging Lake County residents to experience art.

"I hope [viewers] get a little inspired by the works they see," he said. "For the artists, it's a chance to exhibit their work and get feedback."

One viewer at the show's opening was Joan Varitek, of Grayslake. Joan, 23, came to the exhibit with her niece Makenzie Varitek, 11, and her mother, Marylyn, who is a CLC staff member.

"I think it's really good," said Makenzie, of Grayslake. "No matter what technique they used, everyone did a great job. Art is a great way to express yourself."

What: "Members Exhibition" is a display of artwork by Lake County artists. Works are for sale for various prices.

When: Through Feb. 24

Where: College of Lake County's Robert T. Wright Community Gallery of Art, 19351 W. Washington St. in Grayslake

Info: Call gallery curator Steve Jones at 847-543-2240, or go to <http://gallery.clcillinois.edu>.

Artwork at the exhibit showcased a range of moods, from dark and deep to light and playful. But one piece in particular grabbed Makenzie's attention: An acrylic work by Gill Grozier titled "Autumn Gold." The work showed two fiery red, orange and gold trees entwined.

Kathy Chambers, a CLC art teacher from Libertyville, also is an art enthusiast who came to the show. Kathy enjoyed the artwork with her daughter Amelia, 21, and had a piece of her own on display as well.

"I think we have to have art to be creative and learn from each other," she said. "It's an expression of ourselves and our society."

A piece titled "Plunge From Grace" displayed a take on the affect money has on American society. It showed a woman dressed in a colorful outfit throwing money in the air with a tear in her eye while standing in a bucket.

Artist Elizabeth Szymczak, of Mundelein, said she created the piece in hopes of making people think. She said the woman in the painting started out happy, but "the tear came when money came



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Pictured is a clay and twine work by Michele Lyons called "Izzy and Lizzy." It is on display at CLC.

into play."

"I originally wanted her splashing in water, but the water became money," she added.

Szymczak said she came to the show to see works by other artists in the area.

"It's really cool to see what people around here do," she said. "It's nice to see how talented Lake County is."

INSIDE SPORTS

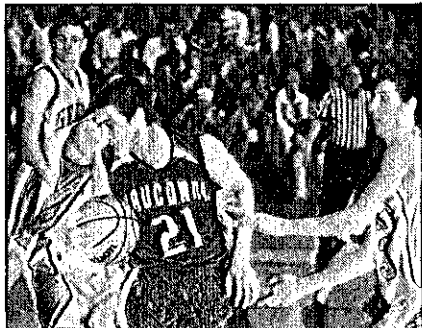


Kevin Kaduk

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For the Cubs, it's been 100 years since a World Series win. Northwest News Group Pro Sports Columnist Kevin Kaduk writes that the North Siders should use that as motivation this season.

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A battle between the Grant Bulldogs and the Wauconda Bulldogs boys basketball teams goes down to the wire in an overtime battle.

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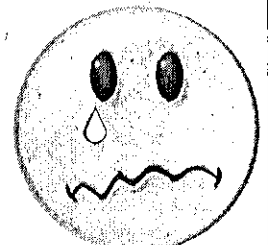
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'Untraceable' an unwatchable mess

By JEFFREY WESTHOFF
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"Untraceable" is a sleazy thriller that pretends it isn't. Directed by Gregory Hoblit and starring Diane Lane, "Untraceable" uses the Internet as a means to de-honour fans of "torture porn" on the Web. By implication, audiences who made "Saw" and "Hostel" major hits also are condemned.

And just to show how wrong it is to be entertained by sadistic, horrifying violence, Hoblit shows us prolonged, graphic killings such as one man baked to death by sun lamps and another dissolved in acid. The whole thing starts with the electrocution of a kitten.

In short, "Untraceable" exploits the very trend it condemns.

The gimmick here, and it's not an original one, is that the killer stages the executions live on a Web site called KillWithMe.com.

The more people who visit

"Untraceable"

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Genre: Action/adventure
Writer: Robert Fyvolent, Mark R. Brinker and Allison Burnett
Director: Gregory Hoblit
More information: Rated R for language and some prolonged sequences of strong, gruesome violence; running time is 100 minutes

the site, the faster the victim dies.

An FBI task force led by Special Agent Jennifer Marsh (Lane) of the federal cyber-crime division desperately searches for the online killer, but he is such a computer genius that the Web site's address is untraceable. Marsh notes the killer has routed his IP address through a Russian service provider, which puts the FBI's jurisdiction.

Strangely, no one bothers to call Russian law enforcement for assistance because they apparently don't have



Photo provided

Diane Lane stars in "Untraceable."

laws against murder and torture and kitten abuse there.

Even if the Web site's location is lost in the ether, the killer definitely is operating in Portland, Ore., which is where Marsh lives and works. This saves the film crew a lot of location work.

But even with the assistance of Portland homicide Detective Eric Box (Billy Blythe), Marsh's team is too hapless to find the bad guy.

The script, credited to Robert Fyvolent, Mark R. Brinker and Allison Burnett, hits all the beats of a modern psychological thriller. Marsh has a bitter past - her husband was a cop killed in the line of duty - and a fragile

present.

She wonders whether her FBI duties impede her responsibilities as a single mom to 9-year-old Annie (Perla Harey Jardine).

Of course, the main reason the screenwriters included the daughter is to throw her into jeopardy once the killer targets Marsh.

The sick torture scenes are depressing to watch, but even more depressing is the caliber of cast and crew playing along with this hypocritical mess. Hoblit directed last year's cleverest thriller, "Fracture," but his finesse cannot help this pit. Neither can a set of fine performances.

For a movie that tries to stake a moral high ground, "Untraceable" spends a lot of time delighting in the lowest forms of depravity.

Jeffrey Westhoff is a movie critic for the Northwest News Group. He can be reached by e-mail at sidetracks@nwnewsgroup.com.

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SCORE CHICAGO- A workshop covering the essential elements of business-plan development will take place from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jan. 29 at SCORE Chicago, Citibank Center, Suite 1250, 500 W. Madison in Chicago. For more information, call 312-353-4540, or go to www.scorechicago.org.

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT'S ROBIE HOUSE- "Geek's Guide to Wright's Robie House," a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's Robie House will begin at 4 p.m. Jan. 26 and Feb. 16 at Wright's Robie House, 5757 S. Woodlawn Ave. in Chicago. Tickets can be bought online at gowright.org or at the Robie House Museum Shop. For more information, call 708-848-1976, or go to gowright.org.

GRAYSLAKE GREENERY CLUB- The Grayslake Greenery Club will host its monthly meeting beginning at 7 p.m. Jan. 28 at the State Bank of the Lakes in Grayslake on Center Street. This month's topic is "Decoupage Flower Pot," and the club will host a project of decorating a clay pot. Registration is required to decorate a pot. For more information, call Deb at 847-548-9297, or go to www.grayslakegreenerygardenclub.org.

WORLD OF WHEELS- The World of Wheels Auto Show will take place Jan. 25 through 27 at McCormick Place, 2301 S. Lake Shore Drive in Chicago. For more information, call 312-791-7000, or go to www.mccormickplace.com.

CHICAGO GETAWAY- Through Feb. 28, Chicago-area hotels are offering Winter Warm-ups packages with special rates, perks and seasonal events. Packages start at \$79 and feature a wide variety of accommodations, including resorts, bed and breakfasts and budget hotels. Many packages include meal vouchers or gift certificates, as well as indoor activities such as pools and Jacuzzis. Indoor water park packages also are

being offered for KeyLime Cove in Gurnee and CoCo Key Water Resort in Arlington Heights. For more information, or to make a reservation, call 877-410-7574, or go to www.visitchicagoland.com.

ON STAGE

CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA- Symphony Center presents the Moiseyev Dance Company, a folk dance company from Russia, beginning at 8 p.m. Jan. 29 at the Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave. in Chicago. For more information, call 312-294-3000 or 800-223-7114, or go to cso.org.

COLLEGE OF LAKE COUNTY'S GRAYSLAKE CAMPUS- Beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 28 and 29, auditions will take place for "How I Learned to Drive" at the College of Lake County's Grayslake Campus, 19351 W. Washington St. in Grayslake. Auditions will be in the Studio Theatre at the James Lumbar Center for the Performing Arts. Parts needed are three women and two men. Actors should prepare a two-minute, memorized contemporary monologue that is either comic or tragicomic, be prepared to read from the play, and bring an acting resume. Callbacks will be from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Jan. 31. For more information, call 847-543-2040.

A TOUR OF TALENT- A mix of R&B rap, a cappella music and comedy will be presented through the "Let It Be Known Concert Tour" from 7 to 10 p.m. Jan. 26 at the College of Lake County's Grayslake campus, 19351 W. Washington St. in Grayslake. For more information, call Jorge Tennin at 847-543-2343 or Sonia DuBose at 847-543-2649.

SOUNDS OF MUSIC

WOODSTOCK OPERA HOUSE- Michael Martin Murphey, an American Cowboy musician, will perform beginning at 8 p.m. Jan. 26 at Woodstock Opera House, 121 Van Buren St. in Woodstock. For more information, call the Woodstock Opera House Ticket Office at 815-338-5300, or go to www.woodstockoperahouse.com.

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>> OnStage

'Goodbye Girl' sparkles with talent

By TOM WITOM
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Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace started the new year on a high note with an exceptional revival of "The Goodbye Girl."

The musical comedy, originally based on a 1977 non-musical film of the same name, has strong underpinnings that include a witty playbook by Neil Simon, music by Marvin Hamlisch and lyrics by David Zippel.

The production, under Gary Griffin's astute direction, benefits from the considerable talents of its two leads, Susan Moniz and Bernie Yvon.

In the role of Paula, Moniz plays a struggling single mother and former dancer in her mid-30s who has developed a relationship phobia after a string of short-lived romances with egocentric actors.

Yvon, as Elliot, is a disarm-



Photo provided

Susan Moniz and Bernie Yvon perform a scene from "The Goodbye Girl" at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace.

ing Chicago actor newly arrived in New York City, where he hopes to make his name in the theater. Trouble starts immediately when Elliot discovers that the two-bedroom apartment he subleased from his friend Tony, now doing a film in Spain, is still occupied by a penniless Paula (Tony's

former girlfriend) and her 12-year-old daughter, Lucy (Theresa Moen, a real charmer).

The two characters soon come to terms, despite their different lifestyles (he is a vegan who likes to play his guitar before retiring and burn incense and chant in the

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mornings).

After Elliot endures critical humiliation for following his director's bizarre gender-bending instructions that he perform Richard III as a man playing a woman playing a man, a sympathetic Paula bonds with him.

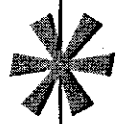
However, having been dumped so many times before, she still has doubts about how much she's willing to trust that what Elliott has to offer is "the real thing."

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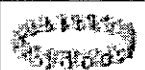
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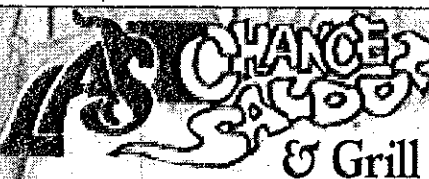
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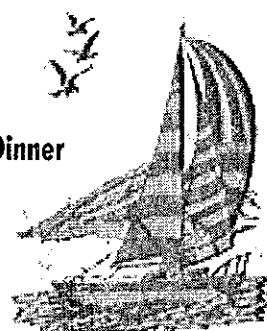
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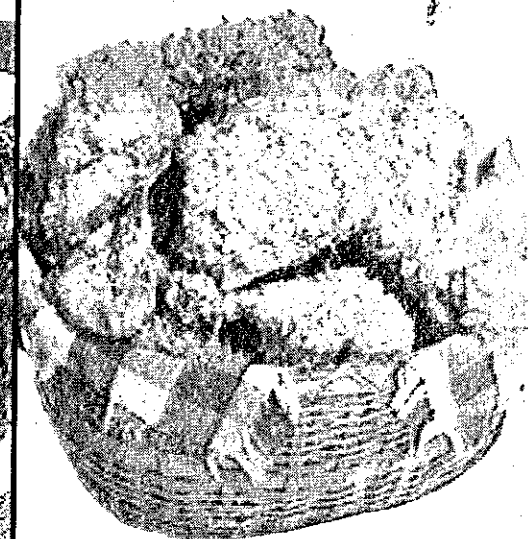
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As a result, business partners Kathy Godlewski and Terry Malone already have a steady stream of "regulars" since opening 3 months ago in the new Golf Hill Retail Center across from Fox Lake Country Club.

After running the family printing machinery business for over 20 years, Kathy said she wanted to do "something completely different with the second half of my life." She moved to Fox Lake, where she realized there wasn't a good place to go for coffee and conversation. The idea for a coffee bar celebrating her Italian roots took hold, encouraged by her mother Maria, and her business partner, Terry, who previously helped run the family business.

Now Kathy, Terry and Maria all say they're having a lot of fun serving their customers authentic

Italian coffee and specialties, along with a good dose of hospitality.

Beva Caffe! features its own exclusive "Beva Blend" of coffee provided by Fratelli Coffee Company of Schiller Park. Maria said their espresso, made with manual machines as opposed to automatic machines, is like comparing "a homemade meal with a TV dinner." I tried their popular "Caffe Caramella", a delicious caramel latte, reasonably priced at \$2.95 for a small cup. Beva Caffe! also serves tea, hot chocolate, and cold beverages like fruit smoothies.

Kathy's mother serves up a

tempting assortment of Italian pastries. The cannoli is made fresh every day, and there are éclairs and a selection of Italian cookies, along with "Aunt E's" handmade candies. Beva Caffe! also offers its own pocket sandwiches for breakfast or lunch, and Kathy said they plan on introducing more sandwiches and soups by the end of January.

Then there's the authentic Italian gelato. Terry said the gelato is "all natural, all fresh fruits and nuts, no powder," and that their "Gelato Affogato" — hazelnut gelato "drowned" with a shot of espresso—is a special treat.

Kathy said that they make every attempt to listen to their customers, from satisfying their requests for a certain flavor of gelato, to offering free WiFi and a drive thru window.

She added that they offer a customer appreciation card that allows patrons to collect points toward free beverages, and that seniors receive a 10% discount.

Noting the family pictures on the wall, Kathy emphasized that she wanted customers to feel as relaxed as if they were in her home. Terry agreed, "This is our house. Come over for a cup of coffee."

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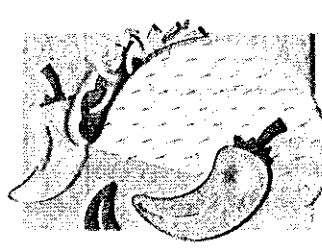
Enjoy eating while getting healthier

(MS) — Many adults are aware that high cholesterol is one of the primary risk factors for coronary heart disease (CHD). For some people, the thought of lowering cholesterol is seen as the end of the line for enjoying good food. However, the American Heart Association (AHA) notes that you can still enjoy the best your favorite restaurants have to offer while simultaneously lowering your cholesterol.

• **Steakhouses:** Among the most popular style of restaurants throughout the country, steakhouses don't need to be avoided by those looking for healthier food options. A few simple changes in what you order can do the job. For example, instead of ordering thick cuts such as porterhouse or T-bone, order leaner

cuts such as london broil, filet mignon or tenderloin. As for side orders, substitute fried or scalloped potatoes with a baked potato or even rice and ask for your vegetables to be steamed and not fried and you have a delicious and much healthier meal in front of you.

• **Mexican:** Few menus offer more delicious foods than those at Mexican restaurants. Fortunately, those menus typically offer healthy choices you might not be aware of. Initially, before sitting down, request that no fried tortilla chips be brought to the table. Most Mexican restaurants offer large entrees to begin with, so you won't be going hungry anyway. For your main course, ask to replace flour tortillas with corn tortillas, and



risking a rise in your cholesterol levels. Rather than cheese- or meat-filled dishes, choose pasta primavera with fresh vegetables or pasta with white or red clam sauce. Exchange a favorite parmigiana (floured, fried and baked with cheese) dish with a marsala (sauce made with wine) dish.

• **Chinese:** A big part of making Chinese dishes healthier is asking for main courses to be broiled, boiled or steamed instead of fried. Also, egg rolls are popular appetizers at many Chinese restaurants. Unfortunately, egg rolls are not very healthy. Replace egg rolls or fried wontons with steamed dumplings.

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>> Horoscope

AQUARIUS - Jan. 21/Feb. 18

A slip up at work is quickly fixed, Aquarius, but you hold on to the memory of the deed longer than you should. Move on to brighter things.

PISCES - Feb. 19/March 20

Take this week to rest and recharge, Pisces.

ARIES - March 21/April 20

Aries, those around you are very demanding

this week, but you can pull through unscathed.

TAURUS - April 21/May 21

Taurus, take the lead when a supervisor relies on his or her team to get a job done.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Take the time to think about long-term plans, Gemini, and then rearrange daily activities to fit those plans and help you achieve your goals.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, cabin fever sets in this week, so it's time to get out of town. A skiing or snowboarding trip just might provide the change of scenery you need.

LEO - July 23/Aug. 23

Leo, you learn some hard lessons this week, but they are productive ones. We are all human and will slip up from time to time.

VIRGO - Aug. 24/Sept. 22

Stop pressuring others to give in to your way of thinking, Virgo.

LIBRA - Sept. 23/Oct. 23

A new romantic relationship has others gossiping, Libra.

SCORPIO - Oct. 24/Nov. 22

Don't give in to pressure from others when

you've already made up your mind, Scorpio.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 23/Dec. 21

Sagittarius, the next few days bring a welcome change in your life.

CAPRICORN - Dec. 22/Jan. 20

Familial ties might seem to be holding you back, Capricorn, but they're really just keeping you grounded.

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PREP SCHEDULE: The North Suburban Conference girls gymnastics meet takes place this weekend, along with many more games. **PAGE 9B**

HOMETOWN SPORTS: Lakeland Predator wrestlers stand out at a recent meet, while Mundelein football players receive honors. **PAGE 12B**

IHSA: The Illinois High School Association mandates drug tests for performance-enhancing substances. **PAGE 12B**

>> Sidelines



Daniel J. Patrick

Swimmer's dedication equals success

If there ever was a sport in history that most kids don't want to get into, it's swimming. From 5 a.m. practices to two-a-day workouts for the entire year. Not to mention the grueling physical nature of the sport itself, swimmers are one of a kind.

But to achieve greatness in the swimming world, you really have to be something special. That brings us to the Warren Township High School boys swimming team.

With countless high-profile teams at Warren, it's hard to get noticed in the Blue Devils world. But with a recent Olympic Invitational title, it's time that the Warren swim team got its due.

This past weekend, the boys swimming team earned its due after winning at the Olympic Aquatic Center in Arlington Heights.

During the Olympic Invitational meet, the Blue Devils went up against many talented teams. But senior Kirk Gagliardo did something special as he captured a school record in the process of helping his relay team gain a win.

Gagliardo finished off his leg in 47.81 for the record-breaking time, but his teammates Kurtis Schultz, Jono Leafblad and Brendan Seebach did their jobs to finish the 400 free relay in 3:27.26.

Thanks to the relay team's efforts, the Blue Devils beat rival Deerfield 0.23 seconds and took the Olympic Invitational title for the first time since 2003.

So the Blue Devils swim team might have a few screws loose to get up and swim at 5 a.m., but in this sports writer's eyes, it's obviously paid off.

Time to try out

Speaking of crazy, the Lake Shore Lynx are now hosting tryouts on Feb. 23 from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Libertyville Sports Complex. When I wrote up my team last time, I was under the impression that the tryout was during normal hours. But scheduling concerns in the Libertyville Sports Complex have forced the tryout to be at those "extotic" hours.

So, if you want to deprive yourself some sleep and try out for the 8-on-8 team, come at 11 at night to have a good time.

For more information about the Lake Shore Lynx football team, visit their Web site at <http://eteamz.active.com/lsllynx>.

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>> IHSA

Schools to take on steroids

Athletic directors see drugs, alcohol use as bigger problem

By DANIEL J. PATRICK
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Performance enhancers have been all over the news for the past few years. From Barry Bonds and Mark McGwire to Marion Jones and Floyd Landis, pro athletes everywhere have helped thrust performance-enhancing drug use into the national debate.

Now, with the passage of the Illinois High School Association's mandate for performance-enhancing drug tests, the issue has been brought home. Many athletic directors think that it was just a matter of time before steroid testing came down to the high school level.

"It's a trickle-down effect. In the NFL and college, steroid abuse was running rampant 25 years ago, then it dropped off 10 to 15 years ago because they started testing," said Andy Bitto, Carmel football coach and athletic director. "Hopefully testing at the high school level can have the same effect."

Steroid abuse in local teens

One local athlete, who spoke on a condition of anonymity, talked about how he strongly considered taking steroids.

But unlike many professional athletes, it wasn't just for his chosen sport.

"Don't get me wrong, I think steroid testing is good for schools. But I think alcohol and drugs have a much bigger affect in high school."

Mark Pos
Warren athletic director

"I thought about it so I could look better," he said. "I really didn't want to do it to get better at anything. I just wanted to get bigger and stronger. If it helped out for sports, that would have been just a bonus."

But while the athlete said he considered steroids, what kept him from actually shooting up was the side effects.

"After reading about what happens to your body, I really didn't want to try it out," he said. "Besides, if I got caught, I knew that I would be kicked off of every team, so I decided not to risk it."

While this athlete thought that the risks out-

weigh the benefits, there are sources on the Internet that tell young athletes otherwise.

Anthony Roberts runs the Web site www.steroid.com that tries to dispel the so-called myths of steroid abuse. Roberts said that side effects such as acne problems, loss of hair, stunted growth, anger problems, etc. are actually rare amongst steroid users.

"[Steroid] horror stories are few and far between, and after consulting with literally hundreds of athletes and bodybuilders, I've almost never heard of anything even remotely resembling the popular 'horror stories' we see in the media almost daily."

But such horror stories come out of real risks such as liver cancer, prostate enlargement and even cardiovascular disease in addition to other well-known side effects. Beyond health concerns, the use of steroids as performance-enhancers is illegal.

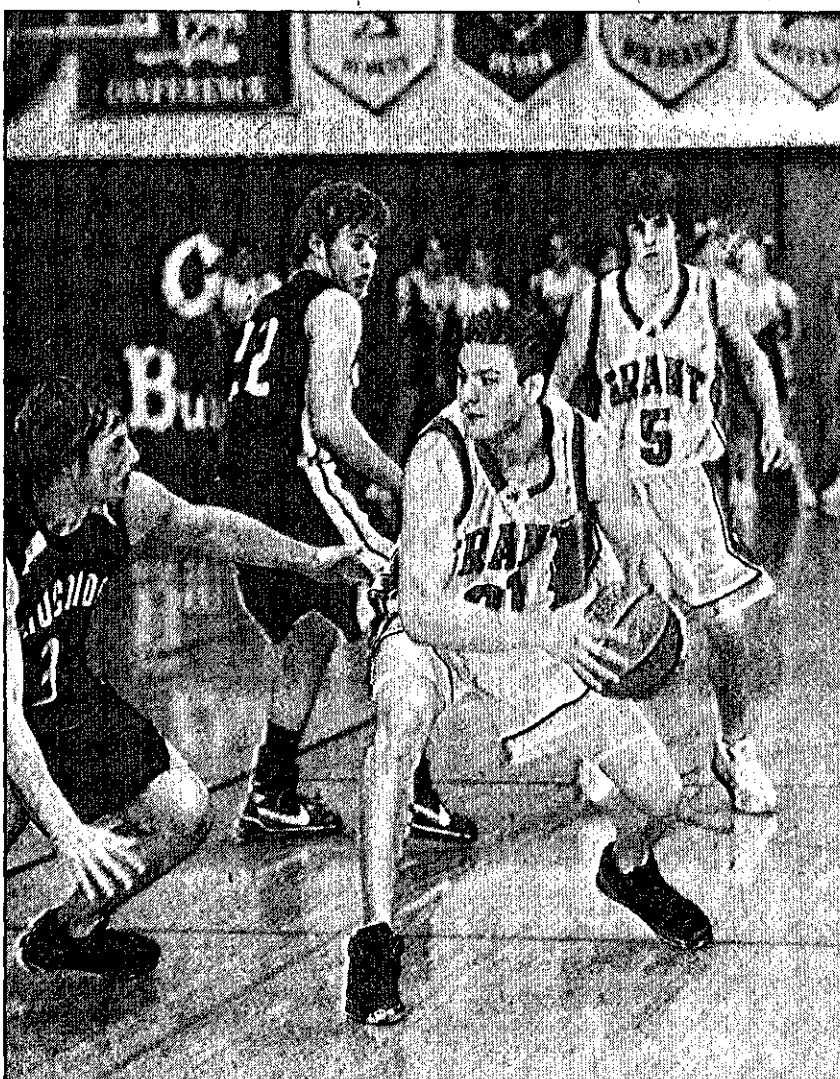
Is the IHSA missing the point?

According to the IHSA, about 10 percent of all student-athletes have taken part in some sort of anabolic steroid abuse. But some coaches and athletic directors are more concerned with other types of drug abuse in high school athletes.

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>> Boys Basketball: Grant 67, Wauconda 60 (OT)

An old-fashioned Bulldog battle



Grant senior Marc Grischeau looks for a pass during a basketball game against Wauconda at Grant. Grant won 67-60 in overtime.

Senior scores 32 points to help Grant prevail over Wauconda

By STEVE PETERSON
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FOX LAKE - During a season which saw him become just the sixth Grant High boys basketball player to hit the 1,000-point mark, Mike Shields had to do just a little more. Showing his flare for the dramatic, Shields dropped 32 points in a Grant 67-60 overtime win over North Suburban Conference Prairie Division rival Wauconda.

Thanks to Shields and his teammates' play, the win was Grant's third straight.

Shields missed free throw with 14 seconds left in regulation allowed for more basketball that frigid Jan. 18 in Fox Lake.

He added six points in the overtime, the first six Grant would score in reclaiming an 8-point lead.

"This time, it was a different story. We won the game at the free-throw line, but it almost was a loss," Grant coach Phil Ralston said. "We were in the same situation, up by five points with 3 and a half minutes to go, the same situation as [Jan. 11], but this week, we did a better job."

Curtis Oler added 11 and Marc Grischeau seven for Grant.

Wauconda, looking to build on an

Up next

Next: Wauconda at Lakes at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1.



Next: North Chicago at Grant at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26

earlier win over Carmel, had other ideas.

Namely, junior Bryce Lahrman, who had a three-pointer for a two-point deficit. The rare missed free throw by Shields allowed Wauconda to look for Eric Grozavescu, who finished with 11 points, including the game tying bucket with 3 seconds left. Wauconda's Connor Dimick scored 12 of his 13 points in the first half of the game.

It was nip-and-tuck throughout, as Grant (13-7, 4-5) led by eight points after three quarters, on a Shields layup, and was ahead by seven points early in the fourth.

Wauconda (10-12, 2-7) beat Antioch 48-41 Jan. 22. Wauconda's next game is at Lakes Feb. 1.

Grant lost 65-61 to Lakes Jan. 22. Grant next hosts North Chicago Saturday, Jan. 26.

QuickHitters



Brianna Brugioni

Brianna Brugioni - Grant

Perfection is hard to attain in sports, but Grant bowler Brianna Brugioni can say that she did. Last week, Brugioni bowled a perfect 300 game in the Rockford Tournament. Brugioni also helped her team to a North Suburban Conference Prairie Division title.



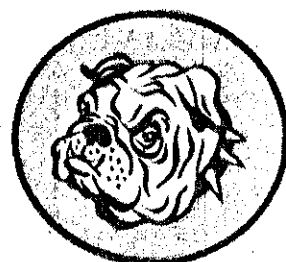
David Venegoni

David Venegoni - Carmel

Way before Pacman Jones defiled the term "making it rain," it meant something in the game of basketball. Carmel's David Venegoni recaptured that meaning by dropping six three-pointers en route to his 26 points against Wauconda.

To nominate a student athlete for Quick Hitters, please send submissions to Daniel J. Patrick at dpatrik@nwnews.com.

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Grant Bulldogs

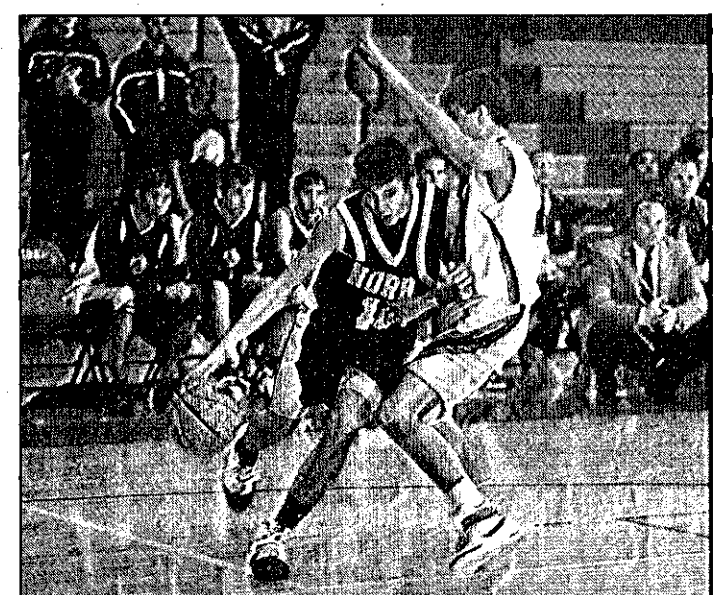


Round Lake Panthers

What: Girls Basketball
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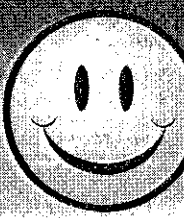
It's a rematch of the North Suburban Conference Prairie Division titans. On Jan. 10, Grant and Round Lake girls basketball teams went down to the wire, legitimizing Round Lake (19-3, 7-2) as a major force this season. Now, Round Lake gets a second shot at Grant (21-2, 10-0), while the Bulldogs get another chance to reaffirm their dominance.

Cut to the chase



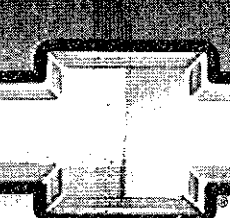
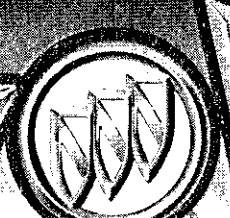
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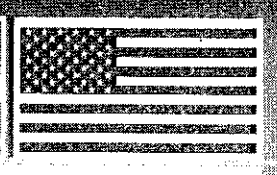
Grant Hendricksen, of Grayslake North, collides with Huntley's Zachary Pettit during a game in Huntley. Grayslake North lost to Huntley 49-37.



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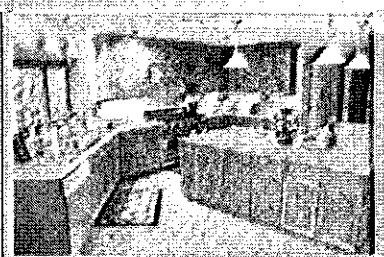
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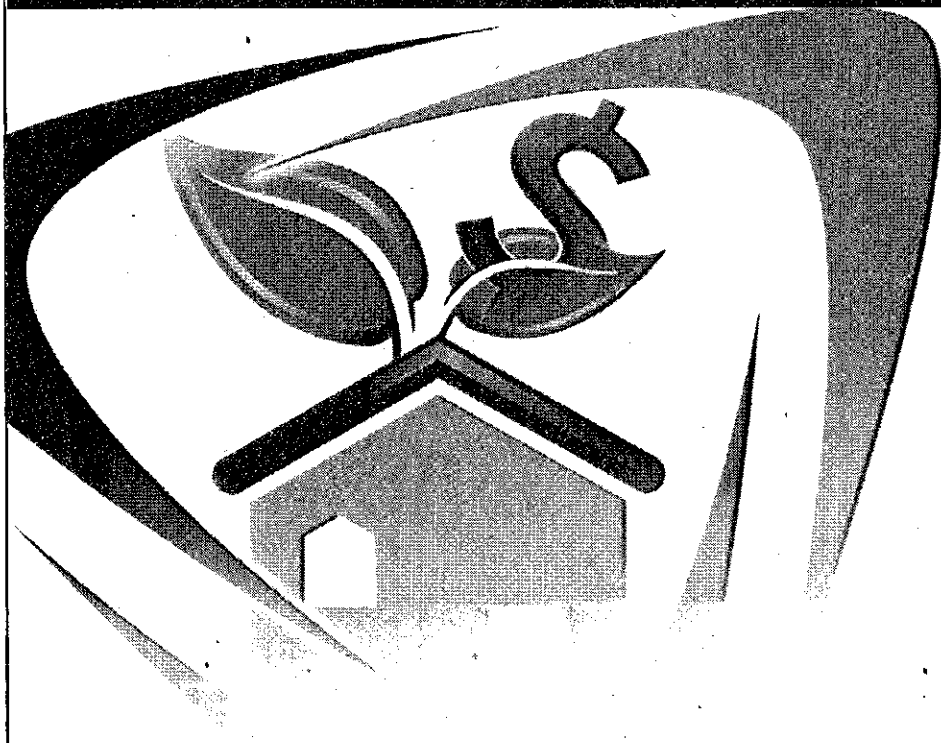
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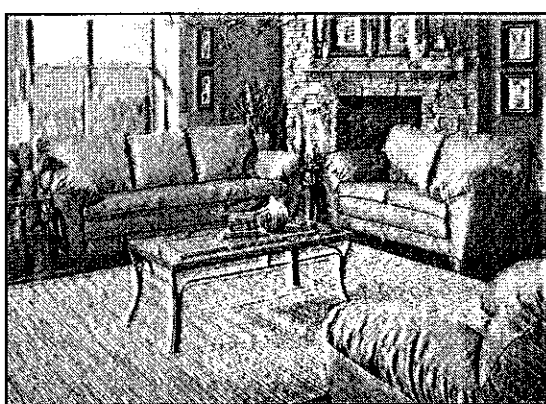
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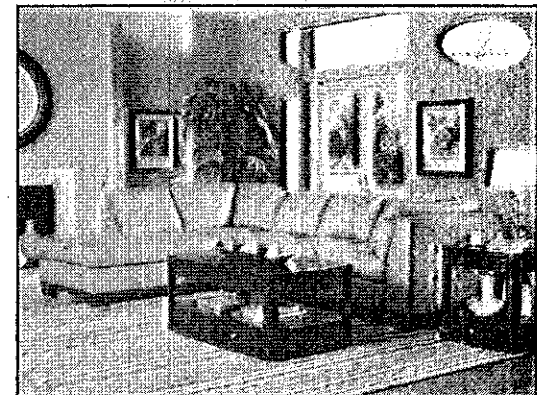
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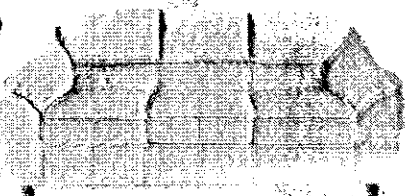
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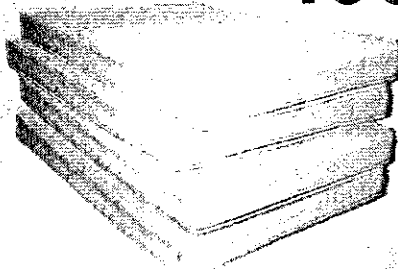
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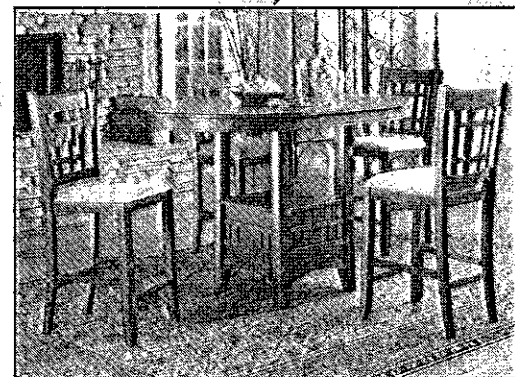
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>> IHSA

IHSA takes a stand against steroids

Athletic directors support performing drug tests on high school athletes

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With the Major League Baseball world still under fire over steroids, the Illinois High School Association has taken steps to make sure it doesn't happen in prep sports.

At the IHSA's Jan. 14 board of directors meeting, the board approved a proposal to implement a random drug testing program for performance-enhancing substances. The program will begin for the 2008-09 school term.

"With its action [Jan. 14], the board has taken an important step toward protecting the integrity of the interscholastic experience for high school students in Illinois," said IHSA Executive Director Marty Hickman. "It is clear our membership understands the serious health risks associated with the use of performance-enhancing substances. Our new testing policy will protect the health of our youth and give students a

reason to say no when the pressures mount to take a shortcut."

In the coming months, the IHSA Board will provide schools with recommendations on how to carry out drug testing. A number of factors are still under consideration: finding drug testing labs, selection of drugs to be tested, and penalties for students and schools that break the rules.

Response highly positive

In order to gauge the support of this action, the IHSA conducted a survey of principals and athletic directors.

According to the IHSA, 72-percent of schools' IHSA representatives favored a performance-enhancing drug testing program. Most of those representatives also favored harsh punishments for players who tested positive, including athletic ineligibility. Academic ineligibility was met by a 97-percent approval rate in the IHSA's surveyed schools.

"I think it's a step in the right direction."

Mark Pos

Warren athletic director

Area athletic directors also are supportive of steroid testing. Warren Athletic Director Mark Pos said he agreed with the IHSA's plan for performance-enhancing drug testing.

"I think it's a step in the right direction. You read so much about some of the pro teams and what's happening at that level," Pos said. "At the amateur level, we need to make a statement that it's not acceptable and I think this is the way to do it."

The only point of contention for the IHSA was the team-wide punishment of forfeiting any postseason awards. When asked that

question, 60-percent of the schools did not agree with such a punishment.

Antioch Athletic Director Steve Schoenfelder said he also agrees with the IHSA's new mandate for state-wide testing. But, like much of the state's IHSA representatives, does not agree with stripping entire teams of rewards.

"I think [testing] is a good thing to do, but I don't know if a school should be suspended if an athlete is found positive," Schoenfelder said. "I don't think that's fair to the other kids who are working their tails off if one kid decides to do it."

While there are plenty of decisions to be ironed out in the coming months, most agree that steroid testing will be a welcome change.

"Being around the Olympics, you get tested all the time. Before events, after events and I didn't think that was unfair," Pos said. "If you want to have the privilege to be a part of sports, you have to follow the rules."

>> HometownSports

State recognition

Lake County's Lakeland Predators wrestling club participated in the Maine East Shark Fest Wrestling Tournament two weeks ago. Several wrestlers made it to the semifinal round and earned medals. Overall champions included George Bessette, Nicholas Koch, Rue Swift, Teddy Montemayor and Xavian Girona. The Predators include wrestlers aged 4 to 14. Practices are at 6 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at Antioch Community High School and Tuesdays and Thursdays at Grant Community High School.

For more information, e-mail Antioch Athletic Director Steve Schoenfelder at sschoenfelder@sequoia.com.

Football players honored

Three football players from Mundelein High School received awards from the Chicago Metro Chapter of the National Football Foundation.

Nick Downey, Kevin Joy and Adam Shedor will each receive an award and a \$2,500 college tuition scholarship at an award ceremony Feb. 13 at Harry Caray's Restaurant in Chicago.

Plenty of medals to go around

Gurnee has plenty to be proud of as Blue Devil Youth Swim Club took home plenty of medals at the Patriot Games youth swim meet.

The top performer for the Blue Devils was Madison Rinaldi, competing in the girls age 9-10 division, she won seven individual events.

Among the boys, Luke Hassemer and Tanner Nash each won five individual events. The team's head coach is

Chris Bertana.

Blue Devil individual winners:

GIRLS

Age 9-10

Madison Rinaldi (200-individual medley, 100 backstroke, 50 breaststroke, 50 butterfly, 100 individual medley, 50 backstroke and 100 breaststroke)
Ashlin Behland (200 freestyle, 100 freestyle and 50 freestyle)

Age 11-12

Devon Brown (200 individual medley, 200 freestyle, 50 breaststroke and 100 breaststroke)
Allie Kolz (100 backstroke)

Age 13-older

Marissa Engel (500 freestyle & 200 backstroke)

BOYS

Age 8-younger

Tommy Travelstead (50 butterfly, 50 breaststroke, 25 backstroke & 25 freestyle)

Age 9-10

Sean Stockwell (100 butterfly)
Tanner Nash (200 individual medley, 100 backstroke, 100 freestyle, 50 freestyle & 200 freestyle)

Age 11-12

Luke Hassemer (200 individual medley, 200 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 50 freestyle & 500 freestyle)
Austin Salisbury (50 butterfly)

Age 13-older

Sean Conway (1,650 freestyle)
Jamie Landry (200 individual medley, 200 backstroke, 100 backstroke & 100 freestyle)
Danny Conway (200 breaststroke & 200 freestyle)

Alcohol, drug use likely occurs more than steroids

• IHSA

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Many do not deny that anabolic steroid use is a problem, but some say that schools would be better off testing rigorously for drugs and alcohol.

"I think there's kids [abusing steroids], I have no doubt about that," Warren Athletic Director Mark Pos said. "But I don't think it's a big as a problem as alcohol or marijuana use in teens."

"But there's a big effect with steroids that you don't get with alcohol or drugs. With steroids, it might make you unfairly better whereas alcohol and drugs are going to take you the other way."

Bitto agreed with Pos's assessment. "I don't think it's rampant in teens because of the cost; I would assume that less than 1 percent of kids actually takes steroids," Bitto said. "But, if [the new rule] can stop just one kid, it's worth it."

While the IHSA condones drug and alcohol testing for schools, illicit drug testing is not mandatory for schools.

With the passage of the IHSA's new rule, it will be mandatory for schools to test for performance enhancers.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services estimates that 10.8 percent of youths age 12 to 17 are current illicit drug users. Alcohol abuse estimates are about three times that figure.

"Don't get me wrong, I think steroid testing is good for schools," Pos said. "But I think alcohol and drugs have a much bigger affect in high school."



Tax Tips to Save You Money

(MS) - Many people anxiously await the arrival of spring, a welcome respite from winter weather thanks to its moderate climate and the rebirth of wildlife and foliage. But while spring does usher in bluer skies, it also marks the arrival of April 15, otherwise known as Tax Day.

Whether you're used to getting money back or giving it up in droves, chances are you want to find more ways to pay less during the year and possibly increase what you get back once the

mercury starts rising this spring. Fortunately, the Internal Revenue Service offers plenty of lesser-known deduction options that might be part of your everyday life.

Deduct gasoline costs. Escalating gas costs understandably have many people concerned. But the amount you drive might actually help you when tax time comes. While the rate changes each year, in 2005 the mileage rate for business users was 40.5 cents per mile. Consult the IRS or your tax preparer if you use your vehicle solely for business purposes. It's a good idea to save gas receipts as well, both to get an accurate total of what you can deduct and in the unfortunate instance you ever find yourself the subject of an audit by the IRS.

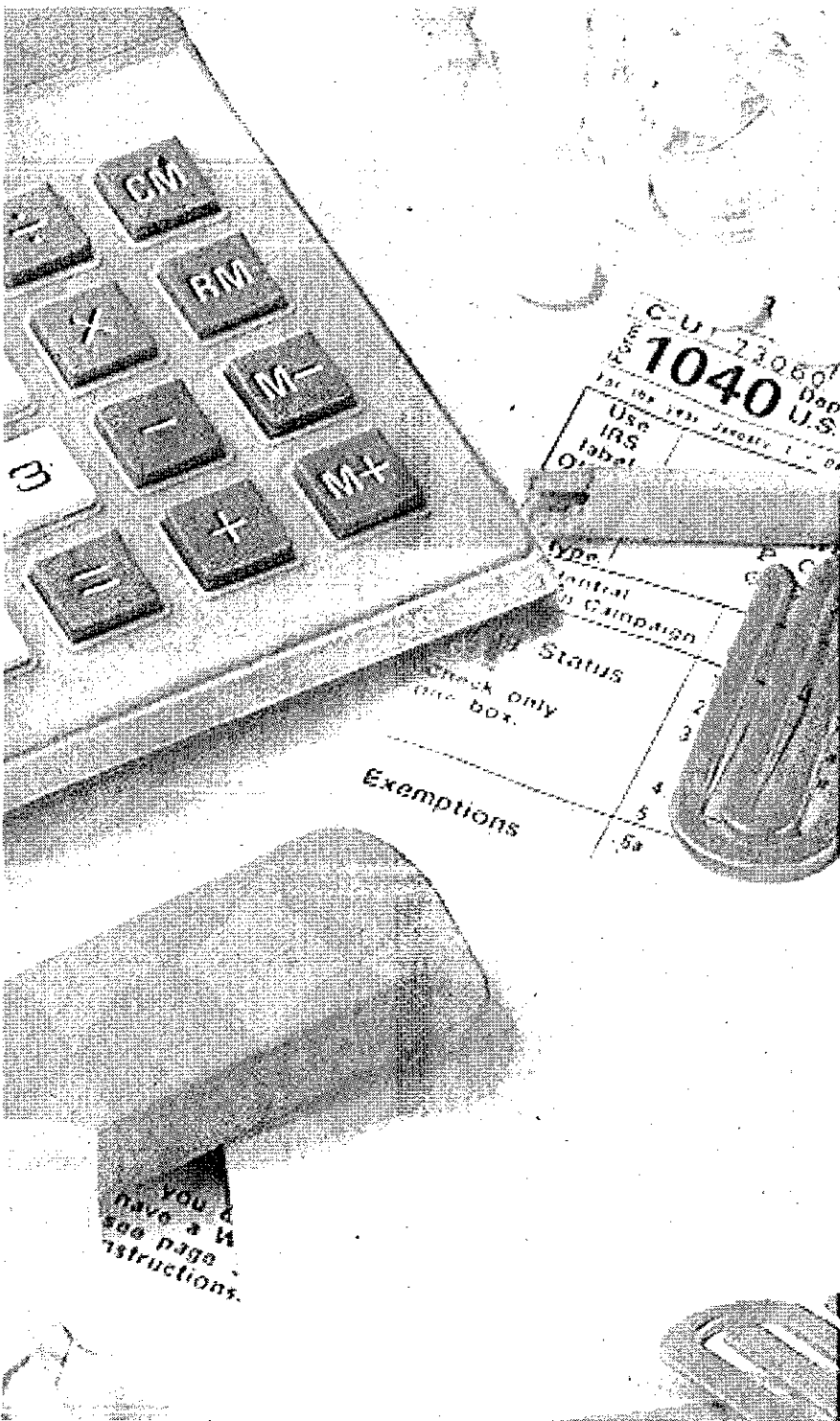
Deduct based on the car you drive. Hybrid cars are not eligible for the electric vehicle credit, but might be eligible for a clean fuel deduction. This is a one-time deduction per vehicle (so if you've used it already and still own the same vehicle, you're ineligible) and is greatly limited to distinct makes and models, which have included the 2005 Ford Escape and the 2001-05 Toyota Prius. While the deduction for certified vehicles was once \$2,000, in 2006 the IRS will only grant a \$500 deduction.


In addition to fuel-burning deductions, SUVs used for business purposes (not including a daily commute) might be eligible for a depreciation deduction. Again, it's best to consult the IRS or a tax preparer to see if you qualify.

Work from home deduction. If you have a home office that is used strictly for work, you can deduct the cost of home-office expenses. For instance, a personal computer you buy and use for business can be deducted. However, if your son or daughter uses that PC to do his or her homework, you're no longer allowed to deduct the cost of the computer. Other expenses, such as rent, insurance, mortgage interest, and utilities might also be deductible depending on your situation.

Charity pays off. In addition to being able to deduct monetary donations to charity, vehicles donated to charity can also be deducted. When donating a car to charity, you're entitled to deduct the fair market value of the vehicle on your tax return. The IRS defines fair market value as the amount you'd expect to get in return for the car had you simply sold it. Oftentimes, charities that accept vehicle donations will provide you with an amount you're allowed to deduct, as well as the necessary tax forms you'll need to attach to your return.

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Cubs should embrace the 100-years motif

CHICAGO — For a moment Jan. 18, Lou Piniella stood by himself in a ballroom at the Chicago Hilton and Towers. He scooped some pasta from a buffet and then surveyed the scene. Because the first media wave of Cubs Convention hadn't hit him yet, it was time to saddle up for a pre-emptive strike.

"So, Lou," went the opening question, "what's the over-under on the date you officially get sick of the '100 years without a championship' question?"

Piniella smirked. Then he shrugged.

Then he had a bite of mostaccioli.

"Look, there's nothing we can do about it," Piniella said. "I don't think we can dwell on it, and my message to the team will be like the one from last season: We have to worry about this year and forget about the past."

It's projected that Piniella will be asked questions about



Kevin Kaduk

1908 at least a million times this season, and the safe bet is that each of his answers will resemble the one he gave above.

Still, it would be beneficial to use the inevitable onslaught of questions for something positive or an added boost. There's even a nifty chant for the movement — a hundred years ends here.

Think Piniella would go for it?

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>> Upcoming Games

Friday, Jan. 25

Boys basketball
Grayslake Central at Grayslake North, 7 p.m.

Girls basketball
Antioch at North Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Grant at Lake Zurich, 7:30 p.m.
Wauconda at Lakes, 7:30 p.m.

Girls bowling
North Suburban Conference Tournament at Libertyville, TBA


Wrestling
Grayslake Central at Crystal Lake South, 6 p.m.

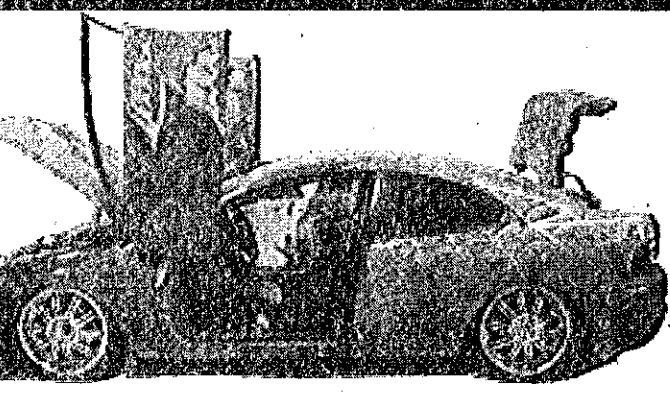
Saturday, Jan. 26

Boys basketball
Antioch at Vernon Hills, 7:30 p.m.
North Chicago at Grant, 7:30 p.m.

Girls basketball
Antioch at Belvidere North, 3 p.m.
Grayslake Central at Johnsburg, 7 p.m.

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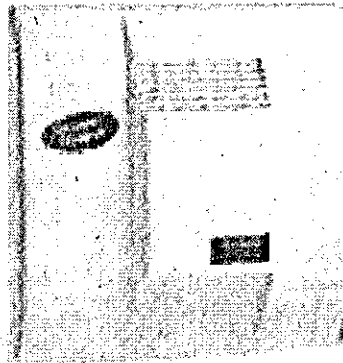

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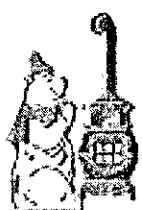
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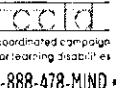
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stressed that the paint seeps out and gets into the groundwater, contaminating plants and animals.

Beucher's goal is to keep as much of this paint out of landfills as possible by setting up used latex paint collection sites at hard-

ware and paint stores. George said he currently has 16 retailers participating. Consumers can drop off unwanted product for a small fee ranging from \$1.50 for a quart container to \$8.00 for a 5-gallon container.

George said he is also working on collecting used latex paint from state, county, and local government.

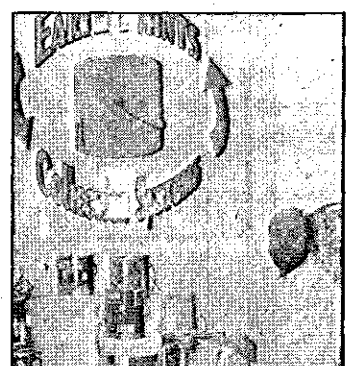
Earth Paints Collection Systems takes this used paint and consolidates it into 55-gallon drums for shipment to manufacturers that turn it into an additive for cement, or reprocess it into new paint. George said that recycled paint is significantly cheaper than other paint. "So why buy new when you can buy recycled paint?" Beucher added that's why he just sold a pallet of recycled paint to a local school district.

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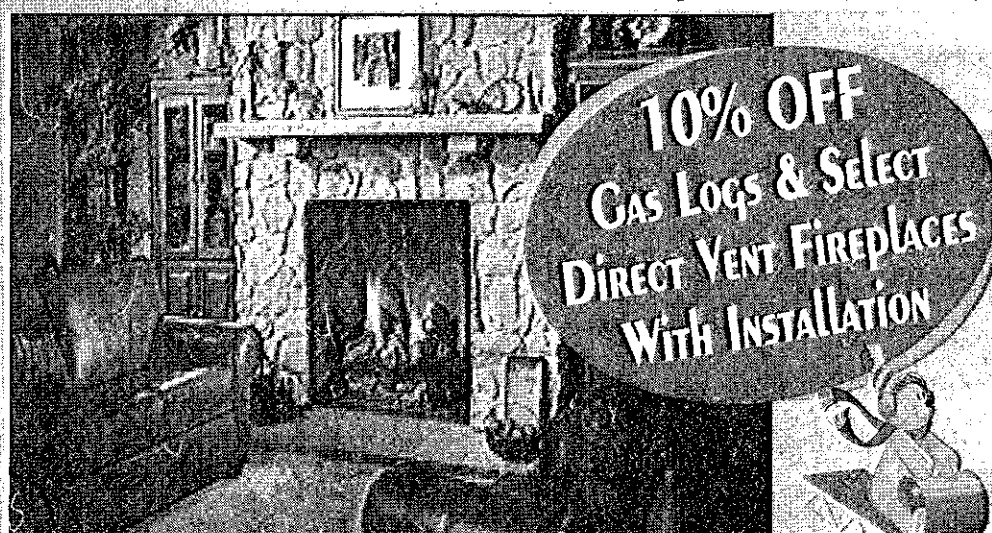


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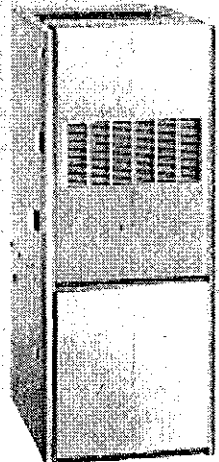
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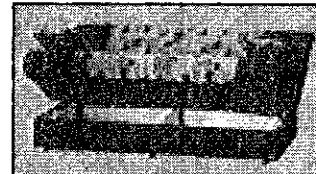
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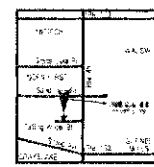
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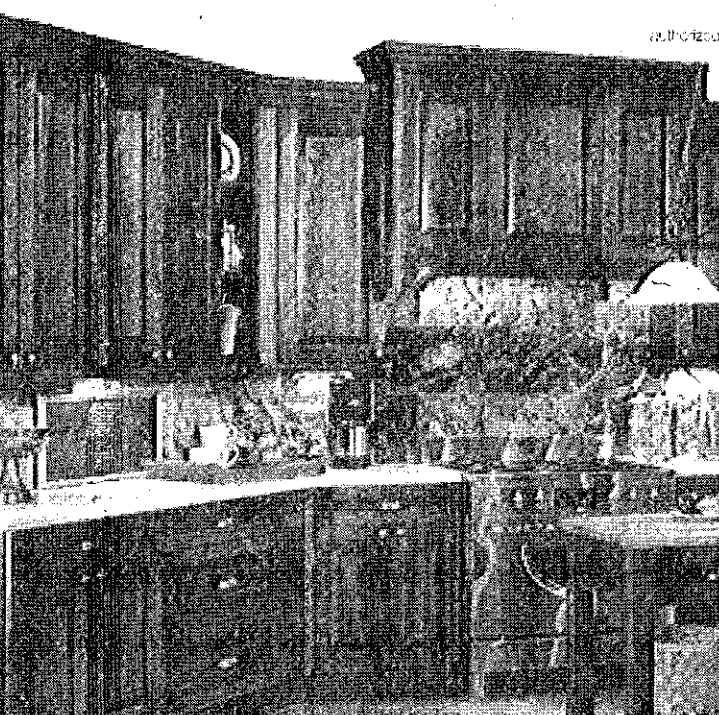
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